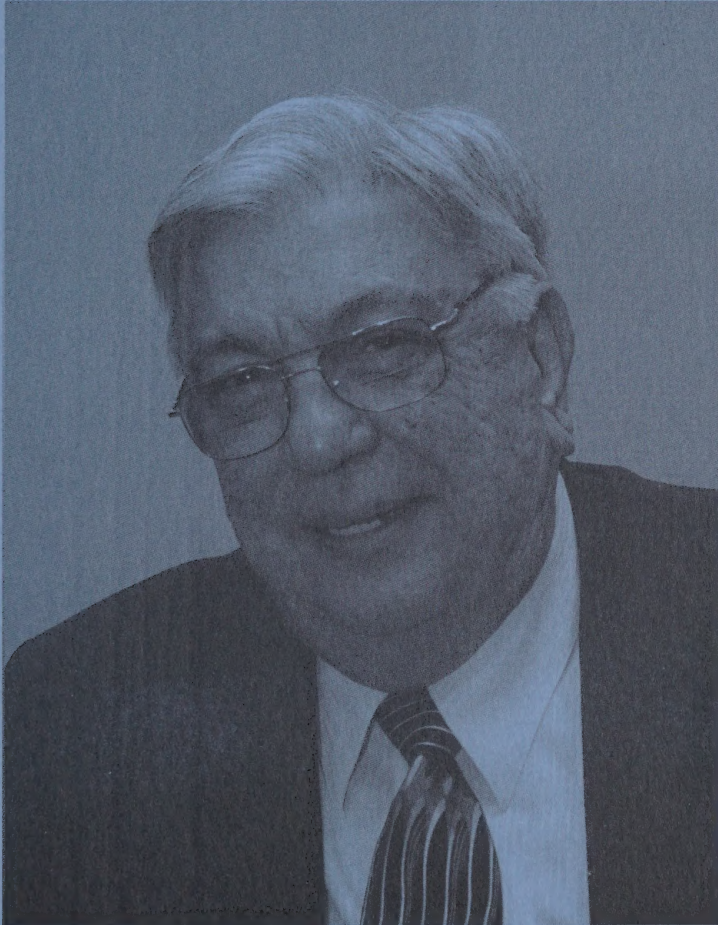


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Selectman Cosmo M. Ciccarello

2005 Annual Report

On the cover:

Selectman Cosmo M. Ciccarello

Cosmo Ciccarello was first elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1985 and was then re-elected for six more consecutive terms for a total of seven terms spanning 21 years as a Stoneham Selectmen. He was Chairman from 1989-1990, 1992-1993, and 2004-2005.

Mr. Ciccarello resides on DiNanno Road with his wife Barbara. They have two sons, Cosmo Jr. (Chick) and Rocco. His family has been very supportive of him over his past 21 years as Selectman, which has no doubt enabled him to achieve the accomplishments that he has achieved as a member and as Chairman of the Stoneham Board of Selectmen.

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TOWN OF STONEHAM MASSACHUSETTS ANNUAL REPORT

**2005
Board of Selectmen**



Left to right: Selectmen Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Selectmen Anthony C. Kennedy, Chairman Robert W. Sweeney, Selectman John F. DePinto, and Selectman George E. Seibold.

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TOWN OF STONEHAM MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated:	December 17, 1725
Population:	22,914
Land Area:	6.6 square miles
Location:	Ten miles north of Boston; close proximity to Interstate Highways 93 and 128
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting Selectmen/Town Administrator
Annual Town Election:	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting:	First Monday in May
Town Operating Budget (FY06):	\$54,736,732
Assessed Valuation (FY06):	\$3,183,270,515
2005 Tax Rate:	
Residential	\$9.67
Commercial	\$16.68
Senators in Congress:	Edward M. Kennedy John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress: (Seventh Congressional District)	Edward J. Markey
Sixth Councillor District:	Michael J. Callahan
Middlesex and Essex Senatorial District:	Richard Tisei
30th Representative District:	Patrick Natale
31st Representative District:	Paul C. Casey
District Court:	4th East Middlesex Woburn, Massachusetts

STONEHAM A BRIEF PROFILE

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active in our town. The Stoneham Boys and Girls Club provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational nine-hole golf course, par three golf course, and indoor heated skating rink are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course at Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill wildlife Sanctuary and Manor House, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham. The Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo attracts many visitors.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. Metropolitan District Commission facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Swimming Pool
Bear Hill Observatory
Spot Pond
Outdoor Skating Rink

Stoneham has an outstanding public school system, including Northeast Metropolitan Regional vocational School, and also offers private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, Jehovah's Witnesses, St. James Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, and Seventh Day Adventist.

Central Animal Hospital and Stoneham Animal Hospital both care of our pet population and Stoneham Animal Hospital also serves as dog pound for the community.

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents, whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many planned activities for their enjoyment.

Public housing is available for both senior and low income residents. The Town is 98% sewerred, and the Public Works Department renders outstanding service as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Comcast and RCN provide cable television service to Stoneham.

Our local newspapers, the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun, are published weekly.

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2005

Terms Expire

MODERATOR

Michael J. Rotondi	2007
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cosmo M. Ciccarello	2006
Robert W. Sweeney, Chairman	2006
John F. DePinto	2007
Anthony C. Kennedy	2007
George E. Seibold	2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Marie T. Christie	2006
Marc A. Grimaldi	2006
Kristen A. Russo	2007
Maureen M. Soley	2008
Cheryl Walsh, Chairman	2008

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Craig J. Celli, Chairman	2006
Richard D. Mangerian	2007
William J. Jordan	2008

TOWN CLERK

John J. Hanright	2007
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BOARD OF HEALTH

John J. Scullin	2006
Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr.	2007
Traci A. Mello	2008

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Catherine F. DiDonato	2006
Jane Francis	2006
Susan K. Doucette	2007
Susan Waldman Fixman	2007
Rocco Ciccarello	2008
Michael Rora	2008

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**

Anthony DeTeso

PLANNING BOARD

Mark Shamon	2006
August S. Niewenhous, III	2007
Frank J. Federico	2008
Kevin Dolan	2009
Stephen R. Catalano	2010

HOUSING AUTHORITY

William Jordan	2006
Frederick F. Mosley, Chairman	2008
Edward J. Pinato	2009
Vincent L. Orsillo	2010
Rosemary Trask, Governor's Appointee	2001
Joanne Graves, Executive Director	Ex-officio

CONSTABLES

Michael A. Germano	2006
Fredric Kranefuss	2006
Robert E. Moreira	2006

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

James J. McDermott, Jr., Employees' Representative	2009
Elsie M. Wallace, Employees' Representative	2009
Janice T. Houghton, Chairman	2009
Ronald J. Florino, Town Administrator, Designee of the Board of Selectmen	
Ronald Castignetti, Town Accountant	Ex-Officio

BOARD OF APPEALS

Frank Vallarelli	2006
Laurence J. Rotondi	2007
Kevin C. McLaughlin	2007
James A. Juliano	2008
Henry T. Sampson	2008
Gerard J. Cunningham, Associate Member	2006
William N. Sullivan, Jr., Associate Member	2006

BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Cameron Bain, Chairman
Robert Conway
Rita G. Covelle
Peter Daniels
Shirley Drinkwater
John Ranlett
Wendy Smith
Joan Terrasi
Robert Vercollone
Theresa Ward
Kristen Wigandt
John C. Goodwin, Associate Member
Trudy Sevier, Associate Member
Marilyn Regan, Associate Member
Bee Russo, Associate Member

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Open	2006
Robert J. Tobin	2006
Robert E. Conway, Chairman	2007
Open	2007
Blake Allison (Resigned 2005)	2008
Robert McKertich	2008
David F. Oberhauser	2008
Daniel C. Towse, Associate Member	2006

COUNCIL ON AGING

Romeo P. Capuano	2006
Dorothy A. Corkum	2006
Mary A. Cappannelli	2007
Norma Nicolazzo	2007
Howard Porter	2007
Barbara Mahoney	2008
Marcia M. Wengen	2008
Miriam R. Moore	2008
Alice M. Blackwell	2009
Marjorie Neylon	2009

CULTURAL COUNCIL

John Antonellis	10/7/06
Susan Doucette	10/7/06
Lori S. Gordon-Sack	10/7/06
Marcia M. Wengen	9/21/07
Elizabeth Whelan	10/24/06
Jane C. DiGangi	9/21/07
Catherine A. Granese	9/21/07

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Fire Chief Lawrence Lamey
Police Chief Gregory M. O'Keefe
David A. Portman, Action Ambulance Service, Inc.
Jack Twomey, RN, CEN, EMT-M, Boston Regional Medical Center

FINANCE & ADVISORY BOARD

John F. Bowen	2006
Richard S. Gregorio, Chairman	2006
Russ Wilson	2006
Benjamin A. Caggiano	2007
John P. DeAmicis	2007
Peter W. Judge	2007
John C. Warren	2007
Dan T. Doherty	2008
Shawn McCarthy	2008
Nicholas Stavre	2008
Matthew D. Whooley	2008

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Marcia M. Wengen	2006
Christopher Willard	2006
David Armato	2007
Stephen E. Rotondi	2007
Matthew D. Whooley (Resigned 2005)	2007
Open	2008
Open	2008

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bee Russo, President
Vice President
Susan Doucette, Secretary
Donald F. Marchant, Treasurer
Mary K. Marchant, Curator

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Joseph DeSisto (Deceased 2005)
Frederick Mosley

James Standish
Gerald Sullivan

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES

Jane Lavender	9/30/04
Barbara Mahoney	9/30/04

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dennis J. Visconti	2006
Therese DiBlasi	2007
Stephen P. Sylvester	2007
Chris Abreu, Chairman	2008
Denise Healy	2008
Maureen Houghton	2008
Stephen G. McDonough	2008
James Sarno	2008

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Theresa A. Ward	2006
Jo Ann Anderson	2007
Rocco Ciccarello	2008
John J. Hanright, Town Clerk	Ex-Officio

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ronald Fiore	Kevin J. Crowley
Marie Christie	Jeanne Craigie
Maureen Soley	Harold G. Paicopolos
Daniel W. Hogan, Jr., Chairman	David A. Campbell
Thomas Barry	Glenys L. Bruno
Stephen O'Neil	David Gardner

TOWN COMMON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sharon Iovanni	2006
Elsie Wallace	2006
Stephen Born	2007
Dominic Maitino	2007
Stephen McDonough	2007
Open	2008
Open	2008

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Mary S. Bond
Frederick Mosley

Joseph DeSisto
Francis Roberts

Guerino Tamburrini

WATER AND SEWER REVIEW BOARD

Robert E. O'Neill – Selectmen Designee	2006
Therese DiBlasi, Chairman – Finance Board Designee	2006
Selectmen Designee	2007
John L. Bracciotti – Finance Board Designee	2007
Selectmen Designee	2008

APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS

2005

Town Administrator	Ronald J. Florino
Town Counsel	William H. Solomon, Esq.
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Thomas Cicutelli
Asst. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Diane Murphy
Town Accountant	Ronald Castignetti
Fire Chief	Lawrence Lamey
Police Chief	Gregory M. O'Keefe
Superintendent of Schools	Joseph Connelly, Ed.D.
Library Director	Mary Todd
Public Works Director	Robert E. Grover
Interim Inspector of Buildings	Cheryl Noble
Director of Veterans Services	Carl Saunders
Director of Civil Preparedness	Lawrence Lamey
Director of Assessing	Francis Golden
Interim Fence Viewer	Cheryl Noble

TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Citizens Elect:

Board of Selectmen
 School Committee
 Town Clerk
 Board of Assessors
 Planning Board
 Constables
 Library Trustees
 Board of Health
 *Housing Authority
 Moderator
 Northeast Metropolitan Regional
 Vocational School Representative

Selectmen Appoint:

Town Administrator
 Town Counsel
 Town Accountant
 Selectmen's Office Staff
 Council on Aging
 Board of Appeals
 Conservation Commission
 Commission for the Handicapped
 Historical Commission
 Recreation and Open Space Committee
 Registrars of Voters
 Designee to Board of Retirement
 All multi-member Boards/Committees
 EOCD

*Four Elected, One Appointed by State

School Committee Appoints:

Superintendent of Schools

Town Administrator Appoints:

Building and Wire Inspectors
 Dog Officers
 Fire Chief
 Police Chief
 Town Engineer
 Treasurer/Collector
 Director of Veterans Services
 All Other Officers and Employees

Superintendent of Schools Appoints:

School Staff

Library Trustees Appoint:

Library Director

Moderator Appoints:

Finance & Advisory Board
 Ad Hoc Committees

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2005

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the 2005 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows:

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report.

On April 5, 2005 George E. Seibold was elected to a three-year term as Selectman.

On April 12, 2005, the Board reorganized. Robert W. Sweeney was elected Chairman; Anthony C. Kennedy, Vice-Chairman; John F. DePinto, Secretary; Cosmo M. Ciccarello and George E. Seibold, Members. Muriel Doherty is Office Manager to the Board.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William H. Solomon was reappointed Town Counsel for the Town of Stoneham, on March 1, 2005.

Many applicants were assisted by this office and applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust, which covers payment of medical bills for needy Stoneham residents. Funds were distributed to various hospitals and physicians. Residents may apply at the Selectmen's office for an application.

Seven (7) lots are available at Lindenwood Cemetery to be used for the burial of indigent Stoneham residents. Mrs. Edna H. Kirts donated eight lots to the Town in memory of her father, Charles Cloudman, on October 16, 1979. Residents may contact the Board of Selectmen's office to determine eligibility.

The Board of Selectmen met 42 times during 2005. In addition, there were three Town Meetings held this year and one election. Members of the Board attended many sub-committee meetings and meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions, in addition to attending conferences. The Board of Selectmen made appointments to the boards and committees during the year. Several Public Hearings were held relative to site plan approval; public utilities as to installation of poles and conduits; public input on projects; and determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

The war on terrorism and the war in Iraq continues, after the horrendous attacks of 9/11/01. Several Town employees were called to active military duty and then returned to Stoneham, as in the three previous years. In 2005, Sean Fitzgerald and James McLaughlin, Jr. from the Fire Department were on active duty, and James O'Brien, Arena Assistant, was on active duty. These men have returned to work for the Town. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham and the Town employees who are serving our country, as well as all our armed forces from all over the country. We are proud of them and thankful to them for their service.

On December 7, 2005, the Board of Selectmen held our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party. This affair was held at Montvale Plaza and was donated by Marty Murphy and his family, owners of Montvale Plaza. About 330 seniors enjoyed dinner, entertainment, raffle prizes, and gifts for all. The Board thanks Marty Murphy along with the businesses and individuals who helped make this party possible, through their generous donations, services, and time.

The Board of Selectmen, which sets policy for the Town, continues to be receptive to citizen input, not only at public hearings but through phone calls received at home, in our contact with the public, and in phone calls and visits made to our office by the public. The Board, as always, welcomes this input and encourages it. The Board holds public hearings on many issues to give the townspeople an opportunity to have input. The Board of Selectmen and its office continue to perform the many and diverse functions required by both Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Law and to expand services where needed.

The Board of Selectmen extends their best wishes to retiring Selectman Cosmo M. Ciccarello. Cosmo will retire on Election Day, April 4, 2006, as he has chosen not to seek reelection, after 21 years of dedicated service on the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and members of committees for their efforts and dedication during the past year.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

In 2005 the Town continued to be plagued by escalating operating costs which have constantly outpaced new revenue increases for the past few years. The Town was mostly impacted by double digit increases in line item costs for health insurance, pension, utilities, and special education. The 2005 budget increases were based on 2004 amounts that were already subjected to huge increases from prior years. These budget increases year after year become more difficult to absorb because the Town does not have any nonessential functions left to cut to balance its budget. Since 2002 the State has reduced state aid to the Town by \$2 million and many services have already been reduced or eliminated and there have been numerous layoffs and vacant positions left unfilled.

In order to preserve public safety and education, the Board of Selectmen had no alternative but to implement a \$150 flat trash fee per residential unit in 2005. The Town relied on the extra \$1 million generated by the trash fee to avoid more layoffs in the Police, Fire, DPW, and School Departments. Also, the trash fee provided the necessary funds for field and park maintenance and put an end to any discussion about closing the Middle School. The Town could still not afford to fund its Community Development Department, MIS Department, and Recreation Department, but thanks to the many generous donations and caring people who volunteered their time, the Recreation Department was able to offer many of the youth programs.

The Town has been trying to come up with other ways of creating new revenue with the hope of someday bailing itself out of these tough financial times. In 2005 it struggled to get the Boston Regional Site Development moving forward. After many meetings and listening to much debate about this project, the Board of Appeals finally approved a CH 40B permit, but only after the developer agreed to downsize the number of units from 550 to 450 in order to mitigate some of the traffic and environmental concerns. This smaller scale project will still provide the Town with over \$1.5 million in additional tax dollars not to mention other revenues from building permits and motor vehicle excise taxes. Police, Fire, and the School Department will be impacted by the expected 1,000 new residents, but it does anticipate that there will be a net gain of at least \$500,000. This project seems to be slowly moving forward and is now waiting final approval from the State.

The Town also made several attempts to generate some additional revenues at the October 24, 2005 Special Town Meeting that would have enabled it to address some of its capital needs and help replenish its reserves. There were two articles presented at this Town Meeting that had the potential of raising a combined total of more than \$500,000 in new revenues. One of the articles was asking to rezone a portion of Route 93 for the purpose of constructing a billboard sign and the other article was asking to rezone a parcel of Town owned land on Emerald Court so that it could be sold for residential use.

There was much opposition speaking against these two articles at this Town Meeting and the Town could not get the two-thirds vote required to pass them. However, the Town did have some success in convincing Town Meeting to rezone a site on Maple Street for the potential construction of an over 55 residential development. This type of project would entail about 200 residential units for people over 55 and possibly generate over \$800,000 in additional taxes. Also, it would provide current senior residents with an opportunity to sell their homes and move into more affordable housing in Town.

Town Officials are not only looking at different ways to generate new revenues, but they are also trying to find new ways to cut costs and be more cost efficient. Health insurance has caused the most strain on the Town's budget over the past few years. In 2005 the Town was faced with a twenty-four percent increase in health insurance costs which translated into an extra \$1 million. In December 2005 the Town sent out requests for proposals to five of the largest health insurance providers in the State to secure the lowest possible price for next year. It has also been taking advantage of many programs offered by its current provider to lower this year's health insurance premium. A Health Fair was offered in September 2005 to all Town employees and employees were asked to complete a health risk assessment survey. The Town was able to save \$60,000 because it was able to achieve fifty percent participation from its employees. Also, the Town is trying to negotiate co-pay changes with the various unions that would lower the costs of health insurance for the Town as well as generate a savings for most employees.

The Town has taken advantage of incentives offered by its insurance carrier for property, liability, automobile, and workers' compensation coverage. In 2005 the Town was able to save over \$22,000 on its premium by implementing certain policies and safety procedures. In order to cope with skyrocketing utility costs, the Town is looking into various ways of conserving energy and become more energy efficient. It is currently working with a consortium of towns to bid a better price for electricity and is looking into installing more energy efficient bulbs and fixtures in all Town buildings.

My first year as Town Administrator has been, without a doubt, the most challenging of my twenty-one years in working for the Town. However, it has also been the most rewarding for me. In these difficult times, I have witnessed a tremendous outburst of Townspeople and Town Officials working together to maintain a high quality of living in this great community. Town Officials, State Representatives, and the State Senator are doing their best to get the Chapter 70 Formula changed and to receive reimbursement from the State for any loss in tax revenue from any state owned land in Town which is referred to as Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). The Town has been fighting these two battles for such a long time and seems to be making some progress. We need to continue putting pressure on the State until we succeed in getting the revenues the Town so rightfully deserves.

I want to thank my office staff: Debbie Pettengill, Betty Luciano, and Ginny Ray. I was able to accomplish many of my goals this year due to their great efforts and strong work ethics. Also, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and confidence in me through the years as Town Accountant and now as Town Administrator. I am so pleased to be working for a Board that truly cares about the Town. This is obvious from the many hours each member devotes in fulfilling their role as Selectman every week. I am confident that with the many conscientious people working together on a daily basis, we will get through these difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Florino
Town Administrator

TOWN COUNSEL

I am pleased to offer the following report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the Year 2005.

With respect to litigation to which the Town was a party, the following cases were disposed of in the Year 2005.

Omnipoint Holdings, Inc. et al. v. Town of Stoneham and Stoneham Board of Appeals,
United States District Court, C.A. 03-12133-WGY;

Town of Stoneham v. Commissioner of Revenue
Docket No. C282396;

Airborne Express Inc. v. Town of Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals Middlesex Superior Court,
Middlesex Superior Court, Docket No. 03-2646;

Trustee of Lynn Shore Drive Trust et al v. Town of Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals,
Land Court Department, Docket No. 286205

Kallis, Trustee Abbey Realty Trust v. Piacopolos and Stoneham Planning Board
Land Court Docket No. 289180

In addition to the new cases in which the Town of Stoneham was a defendant the following case was brought by the Town of Stoneham as Plaintiff in the Year 2005:

Town of Stoneham v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al.,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 02942-K

Legal and other assistance was provided to Town officials, boards, committees, departments and employees. By continued early and proactive involvement, this office is best able to protect legal and other interests of the Town. Among the matters addressed in 2005 were the following: (i) settlement agreement with Omnipoint Holdings where Omnipoint agreed not to locate its wireless facility off Franklin Street; (ii) Bid protest of Cardillo & Sons; (iii) numerous contracts for operational needs for the Town, including the Stoneham Public Schools; (iv) Boston Regional Medical Center redevelopment; (v) Open meeting law complaint of Danielle Masterson; and (v) B J's Sign – restriction on lighting during night hours.

This office continued its efforts with respect to telecommunications and cable television matters. Significant funding for both the Town, the Stoneham Public Schools and Stoneham Community Access results from these efforts. In the past year, said funding was used to purchase equipment for both data communications and video conferencing equipment and services. In addition, telecommunications funding was used to fund the automated message service used for important School Department notifications and messages. This coming year, this service is expected to be funded from this funding for the Town and its Police Department. The annual revenues from both cable television licenses for the year 2005 was in excess of one-half million dollars.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, other Town officials, department heads and employees for their assistance and support. It is an honor to serve as Town Counsel.

William H. Solomon
Town Counsel

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In facing over a \$2,000,000 deficit for Fiscal Year 2006, the Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting on May 2, 2005, to use \$445,345 from the Stabilization Fund. The Town found it necessary to implement a \$150 per residential unit trash fee. This new fee is estimated to generate about \$950,000 to help offset some of the deficit for Fiscal Year 2006.

For Fiscal Year 2005, the Town generated a surplus of \$640,872 which was certified as free cash by the State. At the October 26, 2005 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to transfer the entire \$640,872 from free cash into the Stabilization Fund. This brought the balance in the Stabilization Fund back over \$1,100,000.

The Accounting Department was also faced with challenging times as Acting Town Accountant Donna Pagliarulo resigned to pursue a related field in public accounting. I had the privilege of working with her during our recent calendar year-end reporting period and once again Donna stepped up to the plate to assist the Accounting Department.

With the Accounting Department still being short-staffed, we have again persevered in our efforts to keep up with the day-to-day critical tasks essential to the Town's operations. We have developed and implemented new spreadsheets and systems as well as established better internal procedures through recently initiated internal audits.

Subsequently, we have more systems work to do, but the extra effort and time invested now will yield significant benefits to Stoneham residents now and in the future.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Patricia Queeney, Full-Time Office Assistant, and Karen Brown, Part-Time Office Assistant, for their hard work and dedication. They have been called upon to look at our work in a manner that requires new approaches, new systems and documentation including my encouragement to have them ask questions, to follow up, and to offer their opinions. Their commitment to me and to the Town of Stoneham is apparent and much appreciated.

I was very fortunate to be appointed to the position of Town Accountant by the Board of Selectmen in July, 2005 as they believed that my work ethic, educational and business backgrounds would be of significant benefit to the residents of Stoneham.

Special mention of Ronald Florino, Town Administrator, must be made for his continuing effort to train and assist me in the many functions, responsibilities and reporting requirements of the Town Accountant's position. I am truly appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Castignetti
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
FY '05 GENERAL FUND REVENUE RECAP**

DESCRIPTION	FY'05 EST. REVENUE	FY'05 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY'05 SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	FY'06 EST. REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, NET OF REFUNDS	2,563,600	2,758,278.99	194,678.99	2,750,000
PENALTIES/INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISE	114,900	175,295.88	60,395.88	147,866
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	35,000	32,385.47	(2,614.53)	32,000
FEES	212,000	222,711.59	10,711.59	200,000
RENTALS	1,400	3,360.00	1,960.00	1,400
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE				
- SCHOOLS	99,000	129,527.13	30,527.13	99,000
- LIBRARIES	2,100	2,109.78	9.78	2,100
- CEMETERIES	85,000	101,012.50	16,012.50	85,000
- RECREATION	1,405,000	1,331,437.90	(73,562.10)	1,330,000
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	26,100	17,370.34	(8,729.66)	17,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	441,000	549,842.66	108,842.66	549,000
FINES & FORFEITS (Parking & Dog Fines)	16,700	14,420.50	(2,279.50)	14,000

DESCRIPTION	FY'05 EST. REVENUE	FY'05 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY'05 SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	FY'06 EST. REVENUE
INVESTMENT INCOME	88,900	84,554.50	(4,345.50)	80,000
DISTRICT COURT FINES	55,000	66,402.50	11,402.50	0
PENSION REIMBURSEMENTS	15,800	15,358.28	(441.72)	15,000
TRASH FEE	0	0.00	0.00	950,000
MBTA Drainage Reimb.	303,000	303,000.00	0.00	0
TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	5,464,500	5,807,068.02	342,568.02	6,272,366
STATE AID	9,036,617	9,026,384.00	(10,233.00)	
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	31,414,581	31,778,868.12	364,287.12	
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE	0	0.00	0.00	
TAX LIENS	0	158,536.50	158,536.50	
STATE REIMB. --OTHER	0	5,055.00	5,055.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	45,915,698.00	46,775,911.64	860,213.64	

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005**

Assets	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations	Total
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	3,683,258										3,683,258
- Restricted Checking		448,717	91,932	995,686	793,177	928,543	365,079	2,992,469	42,936		6,658,539
- Restricted Savings				163,408							163,408
Personal Property Tax - 2006	(90)										(90)
Personal Property Tax - 2005	19,288										19,288
Personal Property Tax - 2004	13,697										13,697
Personal Property Tax - Prior Years	128,188										128,188
Real Estate Tax - 2006	(46,444)										(46,444)
Real Estate Tax - 2005	402,242										402,242
Real Estate Tax - 2004	111,540										111,540
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	159,384										159,384
Allowance for Abate/Exemptions	(1,072,508)										(1,072,508)
Tax Liens	257,258										257,258
Deferred Real Estate Taxes	166,759										166,759
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2005	145,009										145,009
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2004	69,062										69,062
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2003	24,988										24,988
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Prior Years	69,554										69,554
User Charges Receivable - Sewer						446,616					446,616
User Charges Receivable - Water							254,315				254,315
Utility Liens Receivable						34,183	15,099				49,282
Apportioned Assessment Not Yet Due						11,851	6,836				18,687
Due From State Government											0
Amount to be provided for GLTD										44,998,037	44,998,037
Total Assets	4,131,185	448,717	91,932	1,159,094	793,177	1,421,193	641,329	2,992,469	42,936	44,998,037	56,720,069
Liabilities and Fund Balances											
Warrants Payable	547,379	48,871	2,382	1,712		173	611				601,128
Accrued Payroll	174,034	2,172				6,639	546				183,391

	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations	Total
Liabilities and Fund Balances					1,208,530	1208					208,530
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable											(101,381)
Paid Details(Police, Fire, & Custodial)									(101,381)		(1,916)
Due to Comm. of Mass./Other Agencies									(1,916)		26,501
Unclaimed Items	26,501										309,606
Guaranteed Deposits	1,198			308,408							
Deferred Revenue:											
- Uncollected Property Tax	(284,702)										(284,702)
- Uncollected Def. Real Estate	166,759										166,759
- Uncollected Tax Liens	257,258										257,258
- Uncollected Motor Veh. Exc.	308,612										308,612
- Uncollected User Charges						446,616	254,315				700,931
- Uncollected Utility Liens						34,183	15,099				49,282
- Uncollected Gov't Receivables											
- Uncollected Special Assess.						11,851	6,836				18,687
Payroll Withholdings											
Other Liabilities									146,233		146,233
General Long Term Obligation Bonds										44,998,037	44,998,037
Total Liabilities	1,197,039	51,043	2,382	310,120	1,208,530	499,462	277,407	0	42,936	44,998,037	48,586,956
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,859,759										1,859,759
Fund Balance:											
- Res. for Expenditures	350,000										350,000
- Res. for Continuous Approp.	188,226					314,276	232,701				715,203
- Reserved for Encumbrances	556,161					2,475	9,730				568,366
- Designated Under Assessments	0										
- Designated Federal Grants			(137,907)								(137,907)
- Designated State Grants			227,457								227,457
- Designated Revolving Fund		397,674									397,674
- Reserved for Appropriation				188,814							188,814
- Reserved for Special Purposes				660,160	(415,353)	604,980	121,491	2,992,469			3,963,747
Total Fund Balances	2,934,146	397,674	89,550	848,974	(415,353)	921,731	363,922	2,992,469	0	0	8,133,113
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	4,131,185	448,717	91,932	1,159,094	793,177	1,421,193	641,329	2,992,469	42,936	44,998,037	56,720,069

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005**

Federal Grants	Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
Digital Booking System	(31,471)	(31,471)	(31,471)		(31,471)
FEMA Food & Shelter	3,432		3,432	3,432	(0)
Copsmore Grant	33,782		33,782	33,782	0
FEMA Snow Emergency Funds	0	93,267	93,267	93,267	0
Community Develop.-Ready Resource Grant	(1,223)	877	(346)	26,185	(26,531)
Seatbelt Enforcement Grant	5,000	2,286	7,286	7,286	7,286
Wakefield Voc. School Project (Police)	1,719		1,719		1,719
FEMA Fire Training Grant	38,849		38,849	13,599	25,250
FEMA BOH Emergency Preparedness Grant	56	4,135	4,191	3,789	402
Safe & Drug Free Schools	8,728	13,658	22,386	7,478	14,908
Title I - Reading Program	34,188	270,820	305,008	291,222	13,786
Title VIB-Special Education for Handicapped	54,428	368,877	423,305	575,813	(152,508)
Title VIB - Early Childhood Development	322	18,036	18,358	18,358	0
Title II/VIB - Block Grant	1,138	10,549	11,687	11,687	0
SPED Electronic Portfolio Grant	1		1		1
Title II Enhancing Education via Tech.	2,013	8,011	10,024	8,053	1,971
SPED Program Improvements	10,592	19,459	30,051	27,004	3,047
Title II Improving Educator Quality	34,228	17,531	51,759	76,386	(24,627)
Fire - Homeland Security Local Preparedness	0		0	4,922	(4,922)
Total Federal Grants	195,782	827,506	1,023,288	1,161,196	(137,908)
State Grants					
Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.)	440	5,232	5,672	1,140	4,532
Police Bullet Proof Vests	3,759		3,759		3,759

State Grants	Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
Transportation for the Elderly	(427)	27,639	27,212	31,823	(4,611)
Community Policing	37,796	45,863	83,659	46,758	36,901
Mass Release Tree Grant	8,983		8,983		8,983
Fire Department Hazmat Grant	1,468	6,311	7,779	5,578	2,201
Mass. Incentive Recycling Program	16,716	1,751	18,467		18,467
Law Enforcement Trust	61,985	10,434	72,419	10,105	62,314
State Aid to Public Libraries	146,589	24,703	171,292	19,907	151,385
Weights & Measures-Purchase Equipment	229		229		229
Franklin Street Fire Alarm Grant	12,562		12,562		(0)
DEQE Waterwaste Systems	8,699		8,699		8,699
Arts & Lottery Grant	5,084	4,053	9,137	4,026	5,111
Police Safety Equipment	1,972		1,972		1,972
Firefighter's Safety Equipment	537	31,000	31,537	537	31,000
CH 811 Highway Improvements	10,060	10,060	10,060		10,060
Street Improvement Grant	7,746		7,746	7,746	0
CH 235 of the Acts of 1999	(15,401)	15,401	0		0
CH 53C of the Acts of 1999	(129,419)	129,419	0		0
CH 246 of the Acts of 2002	(131,160)	242,258	111,098	127,678	(16,580)
CH 90 of the Acts of 2004	0	0	115,469	(115,469)	(115,469)
Reserved for Educational Reform	271		271		271
Mentorship Grant	1,123		1,123		1,123
Kindergarten Enhancement Program	2,824	36,966	39,790	39,790	0
Academic Support Grant	0	5,696	5,696	5,696	0
School "Pothole " Grant	192,307	42,000	234,307	224,944	9,363
Elementary Schoolwide Literacy Program	1,191		1,191		0
Total State Grants	308,797	628,726	874,660	647,203	227,457
Total Federal & State Grants	504,579	1,456,232	1,897,948	1,808,399	89,549

TOWN OF STONEHAM
SCHEDULE OF OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

Revolving Funds	Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
School Lunch Program	11,229	698,364	709,593	714,461	(4,868)
Wetland Protection Fees	122	6,082	6,204	290	5,914
E-Rate Discount	84		84		84
Full Day Kindergarten	34,609	157,725	192,334	137,594	54,740
Rental of Tax Possession Property	6,250		6,250		6,250
Public Health Fund	10,090	8,535	18,625	4,346	14,279
Athletic Fund	55,620	226,038	281,658	250,408	31,250
Adult Evening School	103	4,120	4,223	3,300	923
Summer School Program	15,974	1,065	17,039	3,965	13,074
Youth Commission	30,849	111,797	142,646	111,271	31,375
Insurance Reimbursement Under \$20,000.	21,669	32,487	54,156	36,219	17,937
Senior Citizen Outings	6,847	10,099	16,946	11,598	5,348
Tuition Reimbursement for Out of Town Children	(52,936)	479,332	426,396	407,281	19,115
Rental of School Buildings	37,865	320,462	358,327	342,995	15,332
Composting Bins	44,104	43,637	87,741	2,015	85,726
ADA Parking Fines	14,327	1,878	16,205		16,205
Rental of Senior Center	1,937	2,753	4,690	1,808	2,882
H. S Extension	5,421		5,421		5,421
School Bus Transportation	3,117		3,117	126	2,991
Pre School Program	6,372	171,780	178,152	143,344	34,808
School Age/After School Child Care	27,907	246,895	274,802	243,819	30,983
High School Drama Program	5,762	2,116	7,878	1,773	6,105
School Instrumental Music Program	0	5,490	5,490	3,690	1,800
Total Revolving Funds	287,322	2,530,655	2,817,977	2,420,302	397,675

Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
Sale of Foreclosed Property	85,554		85,554		85,554
Sale of Cemetery Lots	84,560	58,700	143,260	40,000	103,260
Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	170,114	58,700	228,814	40,000	188,814
Individual Gifts & Donations	Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
Board of Selectmen-- General Donations	1,225		1,225		1,225
A T & T Broadband--Return line	30,000		30,000		30,000
Town Common Donations	7,308	7,500	14,808	6,519	8,289
Donations for Flags	10		10		10
Whip Hill Upkeep	3,081	15,050	18,131	12,412	5,719
Stoneham Historical Com Square Parking Study	0	1,070	1,070		1,070
BRMC Donation-Exercise Instructor	427		427		427
Basketball Court Donations	95		95		95
Redstone Donation-Traffic Island	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Stoneham Middle School Music Club	1,380		1,380		1,380
Tree Service Donations	6,300	1,700	8,000	3,051	4,949
Park & Street Donations	4,648	45,933	50,581	38,900	11,681
Community Policing Donations	897		897		897
Public Safety Donation (BJ's)	19,571		19,571	10,639	8,932
Civic Improvement Donation	5,000		5,000		5,000
Optical Receiver/Landscaping Donations	2,551		2,551		2,551
BJ's Site Plan (Traffic Lights)	26,000		26,000		26,000
Board of Selectmen- Von Dreathen	1,306		1,306		1,306
Board of Selectmen- Stockwell Fund	1,327		1,327		1,327
Police Donations	370		370		370
Fire - NE Memorial Hospital (Super Pass)	785		785		785

Individual Gifts & Donations (continued)		Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
D.A.R.E. Program Donations		9,465	1,600	11,065	930	10,135
Conservation Commission Donation		25		25		25
A T & T License Renewal--Capital		140,863	125,375	266,238	119,813	146,425
A T & T License Renewal--Operating		137,375	298,038	435,413	268,235	167,178
Library Donations		6,743	3,556	10,299	2,893	7,406
Senior Citizens - Christmas Party		3,670	15,897	19,567	8,870	10,698
Board of Health - Donation Stockwell Fund		79		79		79
Whip Hill Trust		0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
School Gifts & Donations		2,812	12,284	15,096	8,459	6,637
The Mugar Group		2,543		2,543		2,543
Stoneham High School Music Club		526		526		526
Science Program Donations		4		4		4
Guar. Deposits-Planning Bd.						
Fire Alarm Build-out Program		5,017		5,017	18,281	(0)
Impact Study for T Mobile Cell Tower		1,184		1,184	5,017	1,184
Franklin Street Dunkin Donuts Study		255		255		255
Highland Village Townhomes		(2,651)	11,150	8,499	7,640	859
Friends of Funds		0	109,346	109,346	102,492	6,854
Homework Club Donations		5,915	1,500	7,415	5,321	2,0954
Memorial Day Parade Donations		1,348		1,348		1,348
Athletic Hall of Fame Donations		4,881	3,550	8,431	1,060	7,371
High School Field Restoration		75,972		75,972	7,441	68,532
Coca Cola Scoreboard		10,976		10,976		10,976
RCN Grant		3,148	123,000	126,148	29,231	96,917
Ralph J. Arsenault Memorial Award		100		100		100
Peer Review Study for Gutierrez Project		24,800	5,065	29,865	29,865	0
Stoneham Milenium Parade Donations		0		0		0
Total Gifts & Donations		547,331	793,614	1,340,945	680,787	660,158

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005**

Capital Projects	Balance 7/1/04	Received FY 05	Total Available	Expended FY 05	Balance 6/30/05
Fire Station Design	(38,000)	60,000	22,000		22,000
Refurbish Fire Engine #4	(38,431)	0	(38,431)	91,219	(129,650)
Improve Town's Drainage	0	0	0		0
MWRA Water Rehabilitation Projects	582	0	582		582
Purchase Police Cruisers	(81,921)	0	(81,921)	28,079	(110,000)
Repair School Property	7,007	0	7,007	7,007	(0)
Renovate/Construct Schools	811,685	875	812,560	89,640	722,920
Renovate Police Station	32,300	0	32,300	3,400	28,900
Replace East School Boiler	2,550	0	2,550	272	2,278
Repair East School Roof	2,140	0	2,140		2,140
Purchase Fire Pick up Truck	0	0	0	35,407	(35,407)
Drainage at 41 Elm Street	25,000	0	25,000		25,000
Replace School Doors/Roof	(620,000)	0	(620,000)	227,870	(847,870)
School Technology Improvements	391	0	391	391	(0)
Purchase School Textbooks	885	0	885	885	0
Total Capital Projects	104,188	60,875	165,063	484,171	(319,108)

TOWN OF STONEHAM
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDABLE & NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

Expendable Trust Funds	Balance 7/1/04	Received	Total Available	Expended	Balance 6/30/05
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	668	142	810		810
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	221,222	56,294	277,516	28,000	249,516
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Income	16,328	1,703	18,031	858	17,173
Matilda M. Dale Cemetery Fund	493	26	519		519
Mary Anna Hill Library	29,550	1,967	31,517	1,103	30,414
George W.L. Dike Library	9,402	501	9,903		9,903
E.J. & A.J. Tredrick, Jr., Library	13,614	725	14,339		14,339
Richardson Library	244	13	257		257
Annie B. Trowbridge Library	23,912	1,274	25,186		25,186
Peyton Library Fund	19,284	1,027	20,311	1,227	19,084
Ruth I. Best Library	5,461	291	5,752		5,752
Miriam M. Marsh Library	43,811	2,334	46,145		46,145
E.B. Davis Library	5,455	291	5,746		5,746
James A. MacDonald Medal	6,837	364	7,201		7,201
Annie B. Trowbridge Scholarship	6,092	324	6,416	450	5,966
T.R. & W.H. Qualters Scholarship	26,193	2,092	28,285	1,500	26,785
Ruth I. Best Scholarship	20,575	1,126	21,701	500	21,201
James Alden Stockwell Shade Tree	14,384	767	15,151		15,151
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	36,901	2,125	39,026		39,026
Town Hall Organ Fund	411	9	420		420
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	21,761	1,205	22,966		22,966
Stoneham War Memorial	4,075	226	4,301	210	4,091
Town Scholarship Fund	4,630	833	5,463		5,463
Town Education Fund	2,891	1,688	4,579		4,579

Expendable Trust Funds Continued	Balance 7/1/04	Received	Total Available	Expended	Balance 6/30/05
Annie B. Brown Library	43,649	3,268	46,917	1,559	45,358
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund (COA)	1,901	5,189	7,090	6,797	293
Stockwell Nurse Fund (BOH)	42,068	6,592	48,660	17,510	31,150
Robert O'Keefe Trust Fund	3,266	107	3,373		3,373
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund (BOS)	3,547	3,872	7,419	975	6,444
Apalakis Library Trust-Stoneham History	104,922	5,617	110,539	1,228	109,311
Italian Development Trust	0	77,576	77,576	35,066	42,511
Other School Scholarships	1,623	416,186	417,809	32,675	385,134
Health Trust Fund	3,480	185	3,665		3,665
Stabilization Fund	1,203,691	72,868	1,276,559	366,409	910,150
Conservation - Ford Foundation Fund	1,561	83	1,644		1,644
Total Expendable Trust Funds	1,943,902	668,890	2,612,792	496,066	2,116,726

Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Balance 7/1/04	Received	Total Available	Expended	Balance 6/30/05
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Principal	835,683	20,250	855,933	600	855,333
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower - Principal	14,910		14,910	500	14,410
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	2,000		2,000	0	2,000
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	3,000		3,000	0	3,000
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	1,000		1,000	0	1,000
Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds	856,593	20,250	876,843	1,100	875,743
Total Trust Funds	2,800,495	689,140	3,489,635	497,166	2,992,469

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
SCHEDULE OF AGENCY FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005**

Agency Funds	Balance 7/1/04	Received	Total Available	Expended	Balance 6/30/05
High School Activity Account	77,108	161,649	238,757	155,242	83,514
Middle School Activity Account	4,368	69,906	74,274	70,447	3,827
Robin Hood School Activity Account	6,190	20	6,210		6,210
Total Agency Funds	87,666	231,575	319,241	225,689	93,552

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013-2022	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	71,875	69,100	66,275	63,400	60,475	57,500	54,500	51,500	494,625
Senior Center Renovation	113,204	109,415	104,125	100,450	96,775	93,013	89,250	318,500	1,024,731
Pro Shop/Golf Course	31,521	30,011							61,532
Stoneham Arena	38,710	36,855							75,565
Fire Truck	57,915								57,915
Town Common	93,541	90,797	88,052	80,416	77,909	75,402	72,830	435,579	1,014,525
Police Station	370,271	359,716	349,161	338,615	328,060	317,504	306,671	1,834,134	4,204,132
Town Drainage	82,163	81,163	80,038	78,663	76,413	74,788	73,038	619,025	1,165,288
Street Lights	28,688	28,188	27,625	26,938	25,813	137,250			
School Textbooks	47,940								47,940
School Technology	33,660								33,660
Replace DPW Roof	16,923	16,698	16,404	16,084	15,738	15,278	14,879	119,985	231,988
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	2,921	2,886	2,835	2,779	2,718	2,637	2,567	19,745	39,088
East School Roof/Boiler	4,846	4,776	4,690	4,598	4,497	4,364	4,248	32,670	64,689
Subtotal	994,178	829,603	739,204	711,941	688,398	640,485	617,981	3,431,138	8,652,926
M. S. Roof and Doors (\$848,530 BAN @ 4%)	33,941	126,957	123,037	118,794	114,552	110,309	106,066	381,839	1,115,494
Refurbish Fire Engine #4 (\$130,000 BAN @ 4%)	5,200	19,500	18,850	18,200	17,550	16,900	16,250	58,500	170,950
Purchase Police Cruisers FY04(\$110,000 BAN @ 4%)	4,400	40,500	38,750	42,000					125,650
Fire Pick up Truck (\$60,000 BAN @ 4%)	2,400	23,000	22,000	21,000					68,400
Fire Station Design (\$60,000 BAN @ 4%)	2,400	23,000	22,000	21,000					68,400
Fire Station Ventilation (\$60,000 Not Issued)		23,000	22,000	21,000					66,000

Debt Service Continued	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013-2022	Total
H.S. Roof/M.S. Boiler (\$400,000 Not Issued)		60,000	58,000	56,000	54,000	52,000	50,000	180,000	510,000
Sidewalk Repairs (\$150,000-Not Issued)		37,500	36,000	34,500	33,000	31,500			172,500
Police Cruisers FY06 (\$105,000-Not Issued)		40,250	38,500	36,750					115,500
H.S. Bleachers (\$125,000-Not Issued)		18,750	18,125	17,500	16,875	16,250	15,625	56,250	159,375
Amount Funded by General Fund	1,042,519	1,242,059	1,136,466	1,098,685	924,374	867,444	805,922	4,107,726	11,225,195
School Renovation Projects (South School)	868,125	848,125	826,875	805,625	784,375	761,875	739,375	5,605,500	11,239,875
School Renovation Projects (Central School)	1,132,625	1,106,625	1,075,750	1,044,875	1,014,000	988,000	962,000	7,301,125	14,625,000
School Renov. Proj. (Robinhood)	985,950	973,950	960,450	943,950	916,950	897,450	876,450	7,428,300	13,983,450
School Renov. Proj. (Colonial)	932,310	920,430	904,905	888,030	869,805	845,505	824,445	7,567,290	13,752,720
Subtotal	3,919,010	3,849,130	3,767,980	3,682,480	3,585,130	3,492,830	3,402,270	27,902,215	53,601,045
less: SBA Reimbursement	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(18,488,130)	(31,786,912)
Amount Funded by Debt Exclusion	2,019,184	1,949,304	1,868,154	1,782,654	1,685,304	1,593,004	1,502,444	9,414,085	21,814,133
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2004	52,679	52,679	52,679						158,037
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2005 (ESTIMATED)		44,880	44,880	44,880	44,880	44,880			224,400
Amount Funded by Sewer Rates	52,679	97,559	97,559	44,880	44,880	44,880	0	0	382,437
MWRA Water Rehab. Project	0								
MWRA Water Rehab. Project	0								
Amount Funded by Water Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5,014,208	5,188,748	5,002,005	4,826,045	4,554,384	4,405,154	4,208,192	32,009,941	65,208,677

TOWN OF STONEHAM
Budget vs Actual Summary
As of June 30, 2005

Department	PERSONNEL				OPERATING				TOTAL BUDGET			
	FY '05 Budget	Year-To-Date Expended	% Used		FY '05 Budget	Year-To-Date Expended	% Used		FY '05 Budget	Year-To-Date Expended	End of Year Encumbrances	Dept Turnbacks
Town Moderator	4,262	4,262.00	100.00%		14,447	14,250.12	98.64%	0	4,262	4,262.00	-	-
Board of Selectmen	74,844	74,837.82	99.99%		77,718	65,925.90	84.83%		89,291	89,098.04	150.00	52.96
Town Administrator	280,906	279,707.40	99.57%		77,718	65,925.90	84.83%		358,624	345,633.30	4,893.44	8,097.26
Finance Board	-	-	0.00%		661	356.00	53.71%		661	355.00	-	306.00
F&A Reserve Fund	-	-	0.00%		-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Town Accountant	151,457	133,582.11	88.20%		3,050	322.30	10.57%		154,507	133,904.41	2,131.64	18,170.95
Assessors	121,194	119,028.15	98.21%		11,300	9,269.17	82.03%		132,494	128,297.32	1,050.00	3,466.69
Town Treasurer	238,168	233,807.11	98.17%		28,925	17,917.49	61.94%		267,093	251,724.60	2,544.05	12,824.35
Town Counsel	95,122	95,106.12	99.98%		12,325	14,331.95	83.20%		112,347	109,438.07	1,213.64	1,695.29
Data Processing	7,500	7,020.00	93.60%		60,289	58,663.73	97.30%		67,789	65,883.73	-	2,105.27
Town Clerk	137,611	135,243.18	98.28%		5,495	5,245.97	95.47%		143,106	140,489.15	184.40	2,432.45
Elec & Reg.	34,088	32,856.27	96.35%		37,684	35,202.12	93.41%		71,782	68,058.39	2,400.00	1,323.81
Whip Hill Park	46,323	43,918.19	94.81%		8,251	8,002.62	96.99%		54,574	51,920.81	132.07	2,521.12
Comm. Dev/Planning	65,266	63,774.66	97.71%		1,600	1,026.45	64.15%		66,866	64,801.29	16,741.13	1,511.58
Public Property Maint.	24,850	23,380.13	94.09%		78,112	61,329.16	78.51%		102,962	84,709.29	36,349.15	14,181.97
Police	3,155,012	3,149,719.32	99.83%		307,740	292,501.56	85.30%		3,462,752	3,412,220.88	1,311.10	1,371.10
Traffic Directors	99,400	98,145.09	98.74%		3,000	1,572.50	52.42%		102,400	99,717.59	-	2,735.49
Dispatchers	305,725	304,951.33	99.75%		5,020	2,791.18	55.60%		310,745	307,742.51	267.00	8,434.41
Fire	2,586,552	2,582,454.60	99.84%		141,650	133,357.83	94.15%		2,728,202	2,715,812.43	3,955.16	8,434.41
Building & Wire	169,766	167,474.67	98.65%		6,029	6,574.00	88.95%		177,156	174,048.67	521.00	2,586.33
Civil Defense	23,751	23,751.00	100.00%		5,029	5,029.00	100.00%		28,780	28,780.00	-	-
Schools	17,216,187	17,216,187.04	100.00%		3,748,097	3,540,244.26	94.45%		20,966,284	20,758,431.30	207,852.70	-
NE Regional Voc	705,597	702,653.54	99.87%		403,392	402,867.00	99.87%		403,392	402,867.00	-	525.00
Public Works	119,420	113,668.45	95.18%		2,230,380	2,090,341.52	93.72%		2,933,977	2,792,995.06	119,946.47	21,033.47
Board of Health	123,147	121,586.77	98.73%		4,240	3,760.53	88.69%		123,660	117,428.98	-	6,231.02
Council on Aging	51,829	51,756.30	99.85%		35,796	35,300.70	98.62%		158,943	156,887.47	-	2,055.53
Youth Commission	10,466	10,466.00	100.00%		55,246	49,466.50	89.54%		51,829	59,832.50	-	72.70
Veterans Service	547,651	530,756.24	96.92%		184,767	168,909.27	91.42%		65,712	69,665.51	15,163.25	5,719.50
Public Library	253,599	229,287.35	90.42%		326,876	290,455.05	88.85%		590,475	519,752.41	36,083.35	24,639.24
Unicom Golf Course	129,154	129,138.20	99.99%		258,286	232,447.88	90.00%		387,440	361,586.08	25,786.44	67.48
Unicom Park	-	-	0.00%		2,980,000	2,980,000.00	100.00%		2,980,000	2,980,000.00	-	-
Maturing Debt	-	-	0.00%		2,031,487	2,031,482.54	100.00%		2,031,487	2,031,482.54	-	4.46
Interest	-	-	0.00%		59,969	59,969.00	100.00%		59,969	59,969.00	-	-
Non-Contributory	-	-	0.00%		-	-	0.00%		3,709,340	3,697,190.00	-	12,150.00
Contributory	-	-	0.00%		25,000	15,731.58	62.93%		25,000	15,731.58	7,668.53	1,579.89
Capital	-	-	0.00%		2,393,333	2,297,334.03	95.99%		2,393,333	2,297,334.03	59,413.71	36,585.26
Unclassified	-	-	0.00%		34,402	34,060.86	99.01%		34,402	34,060.86	-	341.14
Non-Departmental	-	-	0.00%		15,525,888	14,876,069.77	95.84%		46,074,054	45,313,757.92	545,780.23	214,515.85
TOTAL GENERAL	30,548,166	30,437,688.15	99.64%		73,025	74,914.31	102.59%		603,212	605,009.20	2,474.50	(4,271.70)
Sewer	530,187	530,094.89	99.98%		3,268,699	3,158,676.81	96.63%		3,268,699	3,158,676.81	-	110,022.09
Intergovernmental	-	-	0.00%		52,679	52,679.00	100.00%		52,679	52,679.00	-	-
Maturing Debt	-	-	0.00%		3,394,403	3,286,270	96.81%		3,394,403	3,286,270	2,474.50	105,750.39
Interest	-	-	0.00%		156,675	140,592.26	89.73%		705,687	690,408.36	9,730.04	6,548.60
TOTAL SEWER	530,187	530,094.89	99.98%		1,899,423	1,878,158.98	98.93%		1,899,423	1,878,158.98	-	20,264.04
Water	550,012	549,816.10	99.96%		-	-	0.00%		-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	0.00%		-	-	0.00%		-	-	-	-
Maturing Debt	-	-	0.00%		-	-	0.00%		-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	0.00%		-	-	0.00%		-	-	-	-
TOTAL WATER	550,012	549,816.10	99.96%		2,055,098	2,018,751.22	98.23%		2,605,110	2,568,567.32	9,730.04	26,812.64

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The members of the Board of Assessors are:

William Jordan, Secretary
Craig Celli, Chairman
Richard D. Mangerian, Member

The members of the office staff are:

Francis J. Golden, Director of Assessing
Diane F. Lawrence, Admin. Assessing Assistant
Michelle Meagher, Assessing Clerk

The Interim adjustments were done for the first time in FY2005. Applications for overvaluations were received during January 2005 and were reviewed by the Board members. Also all of the statutory exemptions were discussed, reviewed and approved by the members of the Board. There are approximately 570 applications that must be reviewed. The amounts deducted from the tax bills for those people who qualify for the exemptions are taken off the 3rd and 4th quarter bills.

An extensive review of all property was performed during calendar year 2005 in preparation for the FY2006 Revaluation. The Town of Stoneham met the Commissioner of Revenues requirements for certification on November 22, 2005.

The FY2006 tax rate was set in late November 2005, after a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen at which time the Assessors provided the Selectmen with the necessary information for them to decide if there should be a dual tax rate and what the percentage should be. At the public hearing the Selectmen decided to continue with the dual tax rate, and the percentage was increased to 162%. The fiscal year tax rates are \$9.67 for residential and \$16.68 for commercial/industrial/personal property. The total valuation of the town for FY2006 is \$3,183,270,515.

COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the Stoneham Council on Aging is to provide outstanding services to seniors by welcoming all to the Senior Center, treating people with kindness, respect and dignity, offering supportive services for social, nutritional and medical needs and providing outreach to all seniors in our community.

The Director and Council on Aging Board of Directors meet once a month to discuss our services, budget and goals. These meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of the month. The Director oversees the daily operation of the Senior Center. The Center serves as the community focal point where older adults come together for activities and services and the staff responds to their needs and interests, supports their independence, and encourages their participation. The Center offers many links to services offered by other agencies and serves as the resource for the entire community for information on aging, support for caregivers, and development of innovative approaches to aging issues.

Our services become increasingly important as the number of seniors is rising in Stoneham. In the years 1990-2000, there was a 6.1% increase in those residents over the age of sixty. The projected change in the years 2000-2010 is 9.0% and the projected change in the years 2000-2020 is 30.7% reflecting the "baby-boomer" generation.

We continue to offer many health programs in cooperation with Winchester Hospital, Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, the Board of Health, and other agencies to bring many health related clinics, fairs, lectures, and materials to our seniors. We work closely with Mystic Valley Elder Services in identifying those seniors in need of additional services such as homecare, meals-on-wheels, protective services and nursing home placement. We also collaborate with the North Suburban Family Network, Hospice, Homecare Agencies, visiting nurse associations, local physicians, rehabilitation programs, adult day health programs, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, AARP, Veterans' services, local State and Federal officials, Mass Health, Red Cross, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Massachusetts Transitional Job Services, Social Security, local churches and schools.

The Senior Center offers many activities five days per week. Classes include Yoga, Tai Chi, Quilting, Jewelry Design, Fitness, Dancing, Bridge, Cribbage, Painting, Canasta, and Chorus. In addition to the many social activities, we offer income tax preparation, health insurance counseling, attorney services, outreach, and volunteer opportunities.

The Senior Center relies heavily on a volunteer support staff. A new group of volunteers have formed a non-profit entitling the Stoneham Senior Citizen Assistance League as a fund-raising component to support our center. This group has held

several fund-raising activities and hopes to do more for the Center in the upcoming years. We also have had volunteer students from Stoneham High School, Malden Catholic High School and several scout troops assist us with projects at the Senior Center.

Our strength lies with our substantial community support. The seniors of Stoneham appreciate the fine work that is done by our dedicated staff. This past year we gave over 2,800 medical rides to Stoneham seniors. The center prioritizes transportation to dialysis, chemotherapy and radiation appointments.

Our meal site continues to grow as people now have a choice of a hot or cold meal five days per week. Our lunch is now served on china with volunteer wait staff adding to the appeal of our dining program. Last year we served over 7,119 meals.

While word-of-mouth often tends to be the best way to advertise our services, we do publish a monthly newsletter prepared by the Director. Also, weekly press releases are printed in our local newspapers. Many of our activities are posted throughout the town as well as on the local cable television station.

The arts have played a significant role in the new activities at the center. Recently, a group of artists have set up a work area in the lower level. This group has on-going art exhibits in the lobby of the building as well as advertised showings during the year.

Our Senior Center has a fine reputation of offering a myriad of services to all our seniors. From the most independent to the frailest of seniors, we work very hard to make sure we meet all their needs. We thank all our community leaders, businesses, friends, members, staff, volunteers, and especially the seniors for their continued support.

Jane Lavender, Director

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Acting Chief Joseph W. Rolli
2005**

The Stoneham Fire Department strives for excellence in the performance of duty and service to the community and the citizens it serves. The Department is committed to finding better ways to protect the lives and property of its citizens from the ravages of fire and other disasters and is dedicated to working together for the betterment of our community.

The majority of Fire Department resources – including personnel, equipment, facilities, and support services are committed to fire suppression efforts. The basic function of fire suppression operations is that of extinguishing fires and performing related duties once a fire occurs. This, however, is not the department's only function. Throughout the year the Fire Department responds to a variety of calls for assistance. In 2005, the Fire Department responded to 3,168 calls ranging from structure fires to service calls. This figure represented a 10% increase from 2004.

A constant problem the Fire Department continues to be faced with is the ability to operate effectively due to reduce levels of personnel. Reduced personnel, increase in properties to be protected, and an increase in all types of request for assistance, has pushed the efficiency of the Fire Department to a break point level. During the year the Fire Department had the following staffing levels available to respond to emergencies:

9 Personnel	4%
8 Personnel	43%
7 Personnel	31%
6 Personnel	22%

These staffing levels are disturbing because it takes 8 personnel or more to respond with 3 pieces of apparatus, the absolute minimum that should respond to structure fires (12 or more personnel is the minimum standard). 47% of the year, 3 pieces of apparatus were staffed, while the other 53% of the time, 2 pieces of apparatus were available.

Some of the staffing can be attributed to the fact that 2,184 hours were lost to injured personnel and 1,128 hours were lost due to personnel commitments to the military.

The Fire Department has relied upon its mutual aid partners to assist in many emergency calls. Stoneham Fire Department is a member of the Massachusetts Metro Fire District (Metro Fire). Metro Fire is an association of 33 communities plus

the Massport (Logan Airport) Fire Department. The association was formed for the purpose of updating, expanding, and controlling mutual aid in the area, and to act as a common entity for exploring and improving management activities and fire protection operations in the region. Metro Fire encompasses the Boston metropolitan area within Route 128 perimeter.

The Fire Prevention office is dedicated to providing the citizens the safest possible environment in which to live. Education, Prevention, Inspection and Detection are all critical areas of expertise that, when combined with a strong code enforcement application, can provide a fire safe community. The Fire Prevention office brought \$21,670 to the town coffers through the permitting process.

A special thanks go out to Secretary Barbara Bouzan, who retired after many years with the town of Stoneham, over twenty of with the Fire Department. We will miss Barbara and welcome Ann Burnham, who came on board in October and stepped right in.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the Stoneham Fire Department for their unselfish effort towards their profession. To the members of the Stoneham Fire Department, your dedication is unmatched, your work ethic is unparalleled, and you are truly appreciated. It is my honor to be member of this Department

FIRE STATISTICS

SUPPRESSION:

Structure Fires	63
Brush/Outside Fires	11
Motor Vehicle Fires	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	401
Fire Alarm/Suppression System Activations	383
Investigations (smoke, gas,electrical,etc.)	141
Power Lines Down (including cable & phone)	118
Medical Aids	1681
Mutual Aid	81
Carbon Monoxide	31
Lock-Out	43
Assist Police	35
Public Assit	44
Service Calls	72
Water Problems	23
Animal Problems	4
Elevator Emergencies	7
Good Intent	12
Haz-Mat	1
TOTAL	3168

PREVENTION:

Smoke Detector Permits	369
Oil Burner Permits	41
Sprinkler Permits	16
Propane Permits	95
Fire Alarm Systems	22
Tank Removal Permits	26
Blasting Permits	3
Tank Truck Inspections	3
Flammable Fluid Storage Permits	3
Cutting/Welding Permits	1
Waste Oil Storage Permits	10
Acetylene Storage Permits	12
TOTAL	601

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Lawrence Lamey

Deputy Chief James Halpin

Secretary Ann Burnham

Fire Prevention	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Capt. Rolli	Capt. Webber	Capt. McLaughlin	Capt. Regan	Capt. Griffin
Lt. Minotti	Lt. Chabak	Lt. Marshall	Lt. Dunphy	Lt. Gould
	FF Scullin	FF McMahon	FF Manuel	FF Bettencourt
	FF Kearney	FF O'Sullivan	FF Brown	FF McNulty
	FF Galla	FF Greenleaf	FF Cryan	FF Verhault
	FF Dockery	FF Humber	FF Grafton	FF Petrillo
	FF Riggillo	FF McLaughlin	FF Mayo	FF McIntyre
	FF Fitzgerald	FF Labriola	FF Rexrode	FF Bernat

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

ENGINE ONE: 2001 American LaFrance Eagle 1,250 gpm pump.

ENGINE FOUR: 1989 Emergency One 1,000 gpm pump

ENGINE FIVE: 1986 Pirsch 1,000 gpm pump.

LADDER ONE: 1995 Emergency One Quint. Equipped with a 100 ft. heavy duty ladder and a 1,250 gpm pump.

CAR ONE: 2002 Ford Explorer

CAR TWO:1997 Ford Crown Victoria

CAR THREE:1997 Ford Explorer

CAR FOUR:2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab

CAR FIVE:2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket

RESCUE BOAT:2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury outboard

METROFIRE RUNNING CARD										
STONEHAM					MUTUAL AID BOX 8234					
LOCAL		TO FIRE					COVER			
ALARM										
LEVEL		ENGINES	LADDERS		SPECIAL	CHIEFS	ENGINES	LADDER		
1ST										
2ND		SEE COMMUNITY RUNNING CARDS								
3RD										
4TH										
5TH	MAL	BURL	ARL	MAL						
6TH	SAU	SOM	EVE	MED						
7TH	LEX	LYN	BOS	SOM		BOS				
8TH	SOM	BEL	WAL	LYN						
9TH	REV	CAMB	CHE	CAMB						
10TH	WEST	WATN	LYN	EAS						
ADDITIONAL		ENGINES:				LADDERS:				
AVAILABLE		NEW, BKLE, CAMB				EVE, BOS				
EQUIPMENT										

BOARD OF HEALTH

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The mission of the Board of Health is to educate, promote, improve and protect the health and well being of the citizens of Stoneham, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live. According to the Town's Bylaws, State and Federal Laws, the Board of Health is under a dutiful obligation to develop and implement health policies, standards, bylaws and regulations.

BOARD:

The Board of Health is comprised of three (3) elected officials; these positions are three-year terms with one member being elected annually. The members consist of John J. Scullin, Chairman, and Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr., Vice-Chairman and Traci Mello, Secretary. Ms. Mello, a resident of Stoneham, is our newest member on the Board of Health. She occupies the position of Secretary. Ms. Mello is presently the Stoneham Middle School nurse and is also a consultant with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She brings much experience and knowledge to the department.

The Board of Health holds meetings each month. Additional meetings are scheduled if required.

The members of the Board of Health held ten (10) meetings this year. Besides being proactive with public health issues and the rules and regulations, the Board decided on the following items:

- 2 Hearings; MGL, Article II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation;
- 2 Variances granted under Bylaw Chapter 20, Article VI Dumpster Regulations;
- 3 Variances MGL, Article X Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments;
- 2 Hearings under Bylaws Chapter 20, Article X Tobacco Control Regulations;
- 1 Hearing under Bylaw Chapter 3, Article 3-5, Animals and Fowl.

The Board will continue to be proactive within the community.

Agent/Director Robert F. Bracey has been with the Board since March of 2003. He came with extensive knowledge in Public Health. He has served as an Inspector for the City of Cambridge for the 7 years prior to taking the position in Stoneham. He was the Town Agent in Winchester and Tyngsboro for the last 9 years.

Support staff includes:

Robert F. Bracey	Health Agent / Director
Traci Mello, RN	Public Health Nurse
Margaret Drummey, RN	Public Health Nurse
Patti A. McDonough, RN	Public Health Nurse
Denise F. Breen	Office Assistant
Karyn C. Incatasciato	Office Assistant

HEALTH AGENT/DIRECTOR

Under the direction of and on behalf of the Board of Health, the Health Agent/Director is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the department. The Agent/Director also keeps The Chairman of The Board of Health updated on a daily basis and works closely with the Town Administrator other Department Heads within the town. The Health Agent/Director enforces of local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to the general public health, safety, and environment. This division inspects food service establishments, public and semi-public swimming pools; massage establishments, tanning establishments, dumpsters, minimum standards for human habitation and housing. This division is also responsible for investigating nuisances, environmental and sanitation issues and responsible for providing educational materials.

The Health Agent/Director received and investigated 107 complaints:

The following is a break down of the investigated complaints in individual categories.

Air Pollution	00	Animal	02
Dumpster	07	Food Borne Illness	00
Food Service	18	Hazardous Waste	00
Housing	20	Miscellaneous	18
Noise	01	Odor	05
Rodents	03	Rubbish	22
Sanitation	11		

Besides the 107 complaint investigations, the Health Agent performed 675 inspections; follow up inspections and court appearances.

Food Service Routine	118
Food Service Follow up	45
Housing and Follow-up	78
Miscellaneous & Follow-up Inspections	434
Complaints	107
Total	782

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to add responsibilities to local Boards of Health. Additionally these tasks add to an already over burdened local Health Department and its staff. With these added responsibilities the Health Agent has continued to provide various training programs by utilizing shared programming. With the limited staffing and funding in the Board of Health, shared programs are cost effective and work well to establish twice as many opportunities for our communities to maintain high operating standards and procedures.

As of October 1, 2001, each food service establishment was required to employ a certified food manager on site at all times. By the end of May 31, 2005, those same establishments were required to take a refresher course in food service. This certification and refresher course confirms that a food service establishment understands prevention methods for safe handling and cooking procedures.

Under the regulations for food service establishments, it is a requirement that restaurants employ a person who is trained in Food Manager Certification and be on site at all times. It is also a requirement that establishments with 25 seats or more be trained in Choke Save. The office would like to thank the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Fire Department for their continued support to this department.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to mandate local Board of Health with more and more responsibilities without supplying any funding resources.

The Health Agent/Director sits as an active member on the Site Plan Committee; this committee consists of department heads, which review site plans. Recommendations and/or requirements are discussed with applicant prior to the Board of Selectmen site plan meeting. By taking this extra step with the applicant, the requirements are clarified and discussed, thus making the process easier for the applicant. The Health Agent also sits on the Stoneham Emergency Management Team and the Project Review Team.

This committee has formed a model project group and has been taking a gentler way to approach neighborhood code violations. A representative from the Board of Health, Building and Fire Departments have been working together listening to the residents and businesses owners to solve neighborhood problems of non-compliance with pertinent regulations. The committee has met with the business owners and residents, have inspected the area, and have been working on solving the infractions. Most of the health infractions have been corrected with the major facilities working on the correction process.

The Board of Health office recommends it is important for residents to protect themselves from mosquitoes (during dusk and dawn hours) and remove any harbor-age of mosquitoes, i.e. stagnant water.

Public Health changes with the seasons and circumstances, educating and calming the general public of the risks surrounding each circumstance is an extremely important aspect of Public Health. The Health Agent/Director maintains an open door policy and encourages all residents and businesses owners' needing assistance to contact the office.

The Health Agent/Director along with the Board of Health proposed departmental goals for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Develop and implement the Food Manager/Food Manager Certification Program

- (a) Renewal of Certification requirement from every five years to two years to better retain education requirements.
- (b) Require all direct food handlers to become save serve certified as food managers.

- Provide and teach food manager/food handlers serve safe certification class for all licensed establishments within the town, surrounding communities and general public.

- Develop and implement Nail Salon Regulations

- Develop and implement Day Care Regulations

- Amend Massage, Body Art Regulations to include CORI (criminal background checks) and Sori (sexual offender background checks) annually on all current and new licensed massage and body art personnel within the town.

- Amend Tobacco Regulations to require stricter policies to sell tobacco products to minors.

- Continue to be proactive in helping new establishments, businesses and property owners within our community; and

- Maintain a high standard of safety by promoting the philosophy the Board of Health mission statement.

- Provide grant writer to Board of Health staff to find and help assist in the development and implementation of community sanitation programs for this community and schools.

-Provide new software program for the Board of Health nurses.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS:

The office assistant is an extremely important position. This position maintains databases and prepares all permits, licenses, and accounts payable/receivable for approval. It provides a variety of complex clerical and administrative duties in a confidential manner and with an eye for detail. In addition, this position transcribes the minutes of the Board's monthly meetings, and composes correspondence as directed. They assemble and prepare a variety of reports for the Health Agent, Public Health Nurses, and Board as needed. All the above is provided to this office on a limited part time basis.

Ms. Karyn Incatasciato, Office Assistant started with the Department early in 2001. Ms. Breen started late in 2000. Both Ms. Incatasciato and Ms. Breen have continued the high standards this office has sent forth. Both have gone through four years of learning a department with many facets while maintaining the highest quality of departmental standards. They both also continue to display the professionalism, courtesy and knowledge that is needed and expected to serve the residents of Stoneham.

These positions are responsible for collecting permits fees and collected \$ 46,114.00.

The following is an individual breakdown of categories of permit issued by this department.

Animals	4
Canteen (mobile) Trucks	4
Disposal Contractors	46
Dumpster Permits, Long Term	219
Dumpster permits Short Term	98
Food Services and Retail	182
Funeral Directors	3
Housing Fitness	109
Infectious Waste	1
Massage Establishments	4
Massage Therapist	4
Recreational Camps	1
Septic Haulers	1
Swimming Pools	14
Tanning Establishments	3
Temporary Food Service	40
Tobacco Permits	23
Total permits issued	759

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:

The roles and responsibilities of the public health nurse (PHN) are comprehensive involving every individual and constituency in the community from infants to seniors, from municipal and corporate employees to private citizens. PHNs are a vital resource for local boards of health because they possess the professional training, local knowledge and clinical experience to identify problems, develop regulations and policies to implement programs. (Nursing Spectrum, Nov 99). In addition to screenings, clinics and vaccine distribution, the PHN provides many other vitally important services to their community.

They provide anonymous information and instruction on a wide range of issues ranging from sexually transmitted diseases to lice. They also provide counseling and resource assistance to Stoneham residents, i.e. assisting elderly access to the health care systems, referring families to Women Infant and Children supplemental food program and the Children's Medical Security Plan, and refer clients to visiting nurse services when appropriate. PHN collaborate with the school nurses regarding clinics and community health care concerns, as well as serving as health care consultants for private schools in Stoneham and make home visits to assess and provide services as needed.

76 Reportable Diseases Investigated

Campylobacter	4
Salmonella	11
Lyme disease	1
Pertussis	8
Hepatitis C	10
Hepatitis B	6
Hepatitis A	3
Giardiasis	3
Varicella	4
E. coli 0157:H7	2
Group B/A Strep	2/1
Streptococcal pneumonia	1
Cryptosporidiosis	5
Babesiosis	0
Haemophilis influenza	0
Legionellosis	0
Meningitis viral	0
Meningitis other	0
Shingellosis	1
Latent Tuberculosis	4
Fifth Disease	15

12 Blood Pressure Clinics:

Clients seen at clinics	323
Home/office visits	228
Total	551

6 Diabetic Clinics:

Clients seen at clinics	45
Home/office visits	15
Total	61

Hepatitis B Clinics:

Fire/ Police/Misc	11
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Immunizations other:	23
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Mantoux Testing:	68
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Homebound patients treated annually:	60
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Influenza Clinics:

Clients seen at clinics/home/office	2000
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Vaccine Distribution:

Total doses	5253
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Hepatitis B Vaccination:

Hepatitis B was made available from the Department of Public Health therefore we were able to offer the three dose vaccine series to municipal safety personnel.

Meningococcal Vaccination:

Meningococcal disease is a very virulent disease that affects adults and children every year. The disease is particularly prevalent in the college population especially with those that live in dormitories. The disease presents itself with flu like symptoms but can progress to coma or death in hours. The meningococcal vaccine can protect students from many but not all forms of the disease. The Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine was made mandatory in 2005 (MGL Ch. 76, s.15D) for new students at residential schools (boarding schools) with grades 9-12 and new full and part time, undergraduate and graduate students in degree granting programs at postsecondary institutions (college) that provide or license housing. The vaccine, Menactra is offered through primary care physicians and clinics.

Influenza Clinics:

This year the state distributed the flu doses in several allocations. A total of 5870 doses of vaccine were received of which 3870 were distributed to physicians within the town who are enrolled in the vaccine provider program. The Board of Health nurse with the support of numerous nursing volunteers held two flu clinics at the Town Hall on October 31 and November 1. A Public Health nurse held the remaining influenza clinics at the Board of Health office every Tuesday from 9 am to 11 am for a total of 4 clinics during the month of November. With the help of several dedicated volunteers including school nurses and the retired public health nurses, we administered approximately 18750 doses of flu vaccine at these clinics. There were over 100 homebound seniors clients that received flu vaccine in their own homes.

Diabetic Clinics

The clinic was cancelled mid year. There will continue to be educational teaching and demonstrations by appointment only.

Mantoux Testing (Tuberculosis)

The public health nurses are mandated by law to inform DPH of the positive PPDs. A new template has been formatted by the TB division of DPH which is the LTB form. When a client presents with a positive PPD, we will then discuss the options of a specific clinic in the area and help coordinate the initial appointment for follow up testing and medication if necessary. We provide PPD testing to residents of Stoneham for a nominal fee of \$5.00. The majority of the people being tested are low risk but work in the health care field.

NURSES' YEAR IN REVIEW

This year has been a year of change for the nurses. Prioritization is a must as we seek to explore ways to expand our role and yet still meet the daily required tasks of the office. The nurses continue to have active membership with the North-east chapter of Public Health Nurses and the Health Advisory Council for youth in Stoneham. A collaborative relationship still exists with all the school nurses.

In the later part of the year Peg Drummey, a public health nurse, organized a luncheon with the drug company Glaxo-Smith-Kline who presented an educational seminar regarding the benefits of providing food handlers with the Hepatitis A vaccine. Numerous food establishments within the community attend the seminar. Many participants expressed an interest in providing the Hepatitis A vaccine to their employees. Ms. Drummey continues to follow up with the interested parties.

The public health nurses and school nurses are working together to make Stoneham a Heart Safe Community. The guidelines from the American Heart Association are currently being implemented. The focus is educating the community as well as certifying public and private sectors of the community in CPR and

AED training. AED stands for automated external defibrillator. If used in a timely fashion on someone having cardiac arrest, could help save their life. Going forward, the Board would like to offer AED and CPR training to the public and private sector. This process will be ongoing through out the community. The project is in it infantile stage. Grants and other funding will need to be ascertained to purchase AEDs for the community.

The nurses continue to be involved in local emergency planning issues, which propose plans in the event of any public health crisis. The Mystic Valley Coalition has been formed with the following cities and towns, Stoneham, Medford, Malden, Melrose and Wakefield. The meeting is held at the Medford town hall once a month. Our Infectious Disease Emergency Dispensing (IDEP) template was completed and submitted to the Department of Public Health. The template was completed in preparation for dispensing and/or immunizing 80% of the population with in a 48 hour time period. We worked with our Emergency Management coordinator, school department directors as well as other municipality directors to complete this template. Other municipalities such as the fire, police, public works and school departments all play an integral role in this planning.

The Public Health nurses continue to mentor nursing students during the spring semester. The schools which currently utilize the Stoneham Board of Health is Emerson and Salem State Colleges.

The nurses also have attended various seminars on immunization updates, surveillance updates, tuberculosis, communicable/infectious diseases and vaccine safety in order to maintain a high standard of practice and quality assurance. A Public Health nurse will regularly attend the monthly Public Nurse meetings along with the annual Conference of Pubic Health Nurses.

The office continues to be audited once a year by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding proper vaccine storage and distribution. The office successfully completed the audit without any deficiencies noted.

PROPOSED PLANS FOR 2006

- Continue to educate the citizens of Stoneham regarding public health issues.

- Investigate a computer programs to enhance the efficiency of record keeping

- Continue to collaborate with other health and safety professionals in our community regarding emergency preparedness

- Collaborate with the Mystic Valley Coalition in preparing a Medical Reserve Core

-Investigate federal, state and private grants. Discuss the possibilities of working with other municipalities for grant funding

-Continue to strive towards making the community a Heart Safe Community

-Utilize the nursing staff in the best possible way for maintaining public health for the residents of Stoneham.

-Continue to discuss modifications of policies by comparing and contrasting other local Boards of Health.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Stoneham Historical Commission is a seven member board mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. Its main objective is to help identify and preserve those buildings and/or areas that are historically and architecturally significant to our Town. The current members are Chairman Stephen E. Rotondi, Vice-Chairman Christopher Willard, Treasurer David Armato and Secretary Marcia Wengen.

Our twenty-eighth year in existence was a challenging one due to 3 on going vacancies on the Commission. One is for the unexpired term of Matthew Whooley who resigned and whose term expires April 30, 2007 and two to replace Rosemarie McDonald and Margaret O'Keefe who left at the end of their terms on April 30, 2005.

In early 2005, a mysterious change to the building demolition applications appeared. It called for the Historical Commission to sign off on every application. Since this is beyond the scope of the Commission's authority, a letter was sent to the Building Inspector saying it was not required and not to hold up any permits for lack of a signature from the Commission. We also said that the Commission would appreciate being notified if any demolition applications are pulled for any of Stoneham's historic properties.

Early in the year, the Commission had a series of articles in the local papers on how the homes at 357 William Street and 39 Elm Street, while being lost to the town, were saved by being recycled. The Richardson House at 357 William Street was demolished in 2004, but parts were saved to be used by a builder who specializes in renovating historic homes. With the cooperation of Alan Melkonian, owner of Stoneham Motors, the Fosdick House at 39 Elm Street was deconstructed in February 2005, and will eventually be reassembled somewhere along Mid-Coast Maine in the spring of 2006.

The Commission has been working on its web site www.stonehamhistorical-commission.us and is attempting to integrate it with the town's website.

In the spring grades 3-5 in Stoneham participated in a project to rename Sam Miles Circle. San Miles Circle was the name of the cul-de-sac for the housing development at the site of 357 William Street. A brief lesson plan on the history of the area was given to the teachers and the students were asked to vote on what name they liked the best. They were given three choices: Micah's Pond Way, Baldwin Place and Beard Street. The students' choice was Micah's Pond Way. Up until the 1920's, there was a pond in the area named after Micah William, an early owner of 357 William Street. Baldwin and Beard were also early owners of the property. The Board of Selectmen approved the change in June.

In May 2005, the Commission awarded its annual Heritage Award to Stoneham school teachers Nancy Smith from Colonial Park and Maureen Welch from South School. It was given in recognition of their work in developing the "Tools of History" project to integrate Stoneham's history into the third grade curriculum. Also in May, the Commission, in honor of Historic Preservation Month, co-sponsored with the Stoneham Historical Society a lecture by Susan Lamb, a reading specialist at South School. She told of Mrs. Mary Ann Tripp's three trips to the Orient with her sea captain husband. This was a very rare occurrence for women in the early 19th century.

In September, the Commission had a display at Town Day.

In October, copies of Joanne Harriman's book "Images of Stoneham" were donated to the school libraries at Middle School, Robin Hood, Colonial Park, Saint Patrick's and Edgewater Academy.



In May, 2005 two elementary school teachers were presented with our annual Heritage Award for their efforts to integrate Stoneham's rich history into the third grade curriculum. Pictured here are Maureen Welch (South School), Nancy Smith (Colonial Park), Stephen Rotondi, Christopher Willard and Marcia Wengen representing the Historical Commission.



One of Stoneham's oldest houses was built by Thomas Fosdick of Charlestown, circa 1776. The house was moved to 39 Elm Street in the mid 1800's. Alan Melkonian, President of Stoenham Ford and current owner of the property, generously agreed to allow the Historical Commission to work with a professional salvager to "deconstruct" the 229 year old building for its 16' x 32' frame. The workmanship was quite remarkable and there was only minor insect damage to several of the cornerposts. All the timbers were numbered, a field drawing was made and the pieces were stacked on a flatbed and taken to Stereling, MA in February 2005. They are being stored there until the new owner takes it to mid-coast Maine next Spring for reconstruction. This old house will have another life.

STONEHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Stoneham Historical Society proudly celebrated its 83rd year in 2005 as it continues to strive to preserve the rich history of Stoneham for future generations. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization our mission still continues to revolve around the study, collection and preservation of articles of a historical significance to the Town of Stoneham. We maintain a Museum, Meeting Hall and authentic Shoe House at 36 William Street, which can be visited during designated dates and monthly meetings during the year.

Our Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday in the months of October, November, March, April and May and are open to the public. Each meeting focuses on some facet of Life in Stoneham past or present. Among this past year's speakers were John Linehan, CEO of Zoo New England, as he recalled the "First 100 Years of Our Beloved Stone Zoo." More recently, we were pleased to have Dick Donovan, CEO of Stoneham Savings Bank, and relived the early days of our town's oldest bank as we "Celebrated 150 Years of Community Banking". These events captured and celebrated milestones in our town's history.

In addition to our priceless collection of artifacts, including photographs, letters, maps, household belongings, clothing, newspapers, souvenirs and many more, we are fortunate to have a dedicated membership and volunteer core who assisted in research projects and organizing our ever-growing collections. Our volunteers assisted with the 3rd Grade School Program, "Tools of History", which sparks our young students interest about what life was like in the early days of Stoneham. Students enjoyed a field trip to the Museum in May. This was the concluding event to enhance their studies in the classroom.

During the first two Saturdays in February, the ever-popular "Research Your Home Day", the doors of the Museum opened up to members and non-members. Here participants had an opportunity to learn more about the history of their home. Many resources are available to make this possible.

This year the Society was represented at Town Day. We displayed many of the 3rd Grade student's projects pertaining to the "Tools of History" lesson now included in the Grade 3 curriculum throughout the elementary schools in Stoneham. In past years, we have shared a table with the Historical Commission. We appreciate the Historical Commission's cooperative efforts with us throughout the year, as we both work together in preserving the rich history of Stoneham.

Whether it be researching individual requests, making copies of old photos for local businesses or individuals, or organizing and cataloging our collection, none of the Societies programs or activities would be possible without the dedicated work of its members and friends. Membership is open to the general public for a modest fee. Information about the Stoneham Historical Society can be found in our newsletter, website www.rootsweb.com/~mashs, or in the Stoneham Independent or Stoneham SUN.

"Pride in Our Past; Faith in Our Future"



The Spanish War Hall, home of the Stoneham Historical Society and Museum,
36 William Street, Stoneham, MA 02180



The "Ten Footer", symbol of Stoneham's historic shoe industry now preserved at 36 William Street, Stoneham.



Donna Weiss, Steve Rotondi with guest speaker Susan Lamm, a local educator who presented a fascinating slide presentation on "Traveling with Mrs. Tripp - A Merchant Wife in the China Trade".



"Tools of History" art work on display at Town Day

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

The following eight members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Chairman, Dennis Visconti, Vice Chairperson, Maureen Houghton, Secretary, Denise Healy, Chris Abreu, Therese DiBlasi, Stephen McDonough, James Sarno and Stephen Sylvester. Full-time Recreation employees are Rick Arzillo, Golf Course & Municipal Parks/Grounds Superintendent, Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator and Lou Chiulli, Arena Manager.

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee are committed to provide quality Recreation for the citizens of the Town of Stoneham. We wish to remind the citizens of the Town to visit the facilities and share in our pride.

Stoneham Recreation organizes a variety of recreation programs throughout the year for residents of all ages. Flyers are distributed through the schools, library and by mail. Registration is first come, first serve. Programs with low enrollment are canceled.

May, 2005 Town Meeting approved to zero (0) Fund Recreation Department 542. Warrant Article 17 was passed for the Town to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed \$275,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2005 in the current Revolving Fund that was established under Chapter 44, Section 53D into this new Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required. Passes per Moderator

STONEHAM ARENA

The Arena houses a number of programs for our youth including those with an interest in hockey, figure skating and ice-skating. Stoneham Figure Skating Club and Learn to Skate are the two figure skating schools that utilize the Arena. The majority of ice time was sold. The Stoneham Youth Hockey Program continues to grow resulting in a need for additional ice time. The Arena continues to have High School Boy's and Girl's hockey games and school run activities. In August 2005, Lou Chiulli was hired as the new Arena Manager.

UNICORN AND STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSES

We proceeded with the golf season by opening Unicorn Golf Course on April 1, 2005 and Stoneham Oaks on April 7, 2005 with various closures due to spring

snow. Carl Marchio and Ken Pratt the on site P.G.A. professionals at Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks provided lessons and golf clinics throughout the season. The golf courses were utilized for the 12th Annual Junior Golf Tournament in August and Stoneham Youth Basketball Tournament in July. Over one hundred children and parents participated in the Annual Junior Golf Tournament. It was another successful year due to the local businesses. A portion of the proceeds help fund the costs to run the High School Golf Team. The season closed for play on December 5, 2005.

RECREATION PROGRAMS (542)

Following is a list of activities/services that were provided to the citizens of Stoneham in 2005:

Field Permits	Jr. Golf League at Stoneham Oaks Golf Course
Use of Recreation Park Field House	Summer - World Record Track and Field
Open Parks Program	Open Gym Basketball Program
Tennis Lessons	Major League Soccer Camps
Fall/Winter After School Drama Club	Adventure Club Program
High School Women's Soccer	Softball Hitting Clinic - Riptides
High School Men's Soccer	Big Sticks Golf Academy
Spartan Soccer School	Golf Lessons at Mount Hood
Top Secret Science Program	<u>Skyhawk Programs</u>
Spartan Sports Club 2005	Soccer
Girls Basketball Clinic with Brian Harris	Mini-hawk (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Middle School Fall Track Program	Tiny-hawk (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Middle School Winter Track Program	Mighty-hawk (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Men's Over 30 Winter Basketball League	Multi-Sport (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Men's Over 40 Winter Basketball League	Tennis Lessons
Kids Just Love Crafts (ages 2-4)	Basketball
Brian Carroll Sports	Beginner Golf Lessons
	Volleyball

Youth Sports Organizations

In 2005 the following sports organizations used the town fields for programs for residents. These organizations are organized by parent volunteers: Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading, Stoneham Little League, Stoneham Youth Softball Association and Stoneham Soccer Club.

GRATITUDE:

The Recreation Department would like to give special thanks to the Department of Public Works and the School Department for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the year.

Thank you to Liz Arno for volunteering to teach the Fall & Winter After School Drama Club program to Middle School Students.

Thank you to Recreation Chairman Dennis Visconti for assisting with the Men's Over 30 and Over 40 Basketball Leagues and softball programs.

I would like to thank the seasonal staff and coaches for working for the Recreation Department in offering safe and fun programs for Stoneham Residents.

Thanks to David Harrington for his dedication, time and hard work with funding the Open Park Program.

Thanks to Sharon Iovanni at the Chamber of Commerce for her support.

I would like to personally thank Stoneham Residents for their support and participation over the years. It is a pleasure to serve a wonderful community.

DONATIONS/SPONSORS:

A special thanks to an **anonymous Stoneham Business** owner who donated \$5,000 towards the Open Park Program.

A special thanks to **Stoneham Bank** who sponsored the Open Gym Basketball Program for High School & Middle School Students for \$3,500.

A special thanks to the O'Keefe Family for their donations throughout the years in memory of Recreation Committee Member Robert O'Keefe, Jr. and his father Robert O'Keefe, Sr.

A special thanks to the following who made donations:

David Harrington \$1,000	J.F. Killory \$100
Fred & Diane Mosley \$500	Anonymous Donation \$100
Marty's Catering \$500	Alan Melkonian \$100
Stoneham Little League \$500	Marisa Raczkowski \$50
Stoneham Pop Warner Football \$500	Estate of James McDonough \$50
Stoneham Youth Softball \$500	Mary Marchant \$25
Stoneham Association of Fire Fighters \$100	Russell Hume \$25
Stoneham Police Association \$100	Alexandria Brennan \$25

Alpha Sprinkler Corporation \$100
Charles Houghton \$100

Rounds Hardware – bottled water
Frank Pignone - Trophies
Mike Sarmanian – Expertees

Fundraisers:

Cinderella Enchanted Ball Performance, Directed by **Barbara Morash**,
Music is Art Agency, \$5,054

Texas Hold'em Sponsored by **Stoneham Marconi Club** \$2,200

BJ'S Membership \$205

Town Day, \$1,327.50

Christine DelRossi,
Recreation Program Coordinator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Stoneham Planning Board met fifteen times and conducted eleven public hearings during 2005. Nine special permits were granted and two new subdivisions were approved. Fourteen plans were endorsed Approval Not Required under the Subdivision Control Law. Hearings were held and recommendations made on two Zoning Bylaw Warrant Articles. In addition, members participated in the Business Roundtable and other joint meetings.

The Board faces many challenges that will continue to be in the forefront of planning efforts in the community. Most business and residential development in Stoneham can be classified as infill in otherwise mature districts and neighborhoods. The Board remains committed to recognizing the rights of those seeking to develop their property while protecting the legitimate concerns of abutting properties.

We also looked at many projects which focused on the boundaries between various residential and commercial uses. By and large the most significant the Board participated in was the work group convened by the Town Administrator to review the comprehensive housing permit proposal for the former Boston Regional Medical Center Site. This redevelopment, now called Langwood Commons presented a great opportunity for all the Town's Boards, Committees and Departments to effectively come together to coordinate this major endeavor in the community's best interests. Several other projects remain in process due largely to the proponents themselves taking the opportunity to rethink and redesign projects that have already been submitted to the Board.

Your Board remains dedicated to resolving as many issues in our jurisdiction within the Town without recourse to the court system; but we will exercise every option to protect the integrity of the Board and the Town.

I would like to thank members Steve Catalano, Kevin Dolan, Frank Federico and Mark Shamon for their commitment and long term dedication. Our work has advanced rapidly and professionally due to the efforts of our secretary, Paulette Gerry.

In closing, we would like to thank all of our colleges in the various other boards, commissions and departments for their assistance and support in 2005.

August S. Niewenhouse
Chairman

STONEHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

GREGORY M. O'KEEFE. CHIEF OF POLICE

My initial reaction, in looking over 2005's operation of the police department, was that it was a very successful year considering the severe lack of manpower and funding. However, the final arbiter is our citizenry. Were they satisfied with the level of services we provided and at what lower level of service will citizens not be satisfied?

There is no question that our officers and staff put forth maximum effort so that our citizens did not feel these cuts. Our first and only priority is public safety, the protection of persons and property. Members of the department are to be commended for their desire and effort to provide the best possible service to the community, with limited available personnel.

No police department can provide any more than adequate service to the public when manpower is reduced to a level where the department cannot be proactive. Many of our citizens have noticed the impact of diminished services in the area of parking. We are constantly inundated with calls, especially for overnight parking and other parking violations. Residents are dismayed to wake the next morning to see that the violators were not tagged. Although illegal parking may seem like a small violation to some, the inability of the police department to stay on top of the problem encourages more citizens to take a chance of not being caught. Over time, the personality of the community will change and indifference becomes the norm.

As I reported last year, we had to lay off two officers. I was hoping that we could rehire them in the near future, but those positions were eliminated from our final budget at Town Meeting. Both officers have accepted appointments at other police departments. These well-trained officers knew Stoneham and it's physical layout, for quick response, and our investment in these officers was substantial. Today, their skills are being utilized by others ...a loss for us and an advantage for another police department.

We, who work as police officers and administrative staff here in the department, are also homeowners, our children attend Stoneham schools and we are taxpayers. Each year, we work harder with less because we do not want to diminish Stoneham's quality of life. I shall not bore you with the reduction in funding, etc. Every Stoneham citizen is aware of our fiscal condition. I will say that we shall continue to deploy the manpower of the Stoneham Police Department by priority and maximum effectiveness with what we are given. We ask the cooperation of our citizens.

Below you will see the reports of our various divisions to familiarize you with our varied services to the public.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
DAVID B. LUCIANO, HEAD DISPATCHER

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and ambulance service. Six full-time Dispatchers and 1 part-time Dispatcher provide this service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, non-stop from the Police Station. We are always on duty.

During the course of the year 2005, over 10,000 calls that required personnel from the Police Department, Fire Department or ambulance to respond were processed through the dispatch center. Of the 10,000 calls, approximately 2,000 were received through the enhanced 9-1-1 system. This system provides all citizens with direct emergency contact. These calls for service do not include the many business or public information calls that come into the center or walk-in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed

2005 – DETECTIVE BUREAU
LT. RICHARD McCARTHY
DETECTIVE, OIC

The Detective Bureau is responsible for criminal investigations, narcotic investigations, juvenile investigations and prosecution. The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lieutenant Richard McCarthy.

In 2005, the Bureau included Inspector George Alger, Inspector Daniel Bates, Inspector Edwin Peek, Inspector Joseph Denehy, Inspector Robert McKinnon and Inspector Paul Norton.

CRIME STATISTICS: In keeping with our tradition of publishing statistics from our records, in addition to those reported by the Prosecution Division, 2005 reported incidents indicate:

Arrests	202
Criminal summonses	95
Homicide	0
Sex crimes	10
Assaults	49
Robberies	16
Missing persons	25
Uttering	20
Vandalism	233

Larceny including shoplifting	356
Threats/harassment	150
Breaking and Entering/all types including attempts	167
Domestic violence/restraining order violations	154
Service and attempted service of restraining orders	141
Firearm calls	13
Summons/warrant service	176
Animal calls	111
Disturbance calls	754
Wire down/water break	168
Road hazard	177
Building/person checks	454
Medical aid	1,658
Motor vehicles - stolen	30
Motor vehicles – recovered	23
Motor vehicle accidents	735
Motor vehicle (all other calls)	919
Fire alarms	399
Alarms (all others)	873

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham: (Sex Offender info available on line at www.mass.gov/sorb)

1 Level Three offender: risk of recidivism is high and offender information actively disseminated to public.

11 Level Two offenders: risk of recidivism is moderate and offender information available upon request.

14 Level One offenders: risk of recidivism is low and no offender information available.

DEATHS: All sudden deaths were reported to the Medical Examiner and determined to be noncriminal at this time.

NARCOTICS: Investigation of narcotics incidents continues to be an ongoing priority. Joint effort and assistance came from surrounding communities, the District Attorneys State Police Task Force, The Attorney General's State Police Task Force and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

**2005
STONEHAM AUXILIARY POLICE
SGT. JAMES McINTYRE**

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is a volunteer organization that augments the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the primary responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police is to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events, such as Town Day, Winter Wonderland at Whip Hill, road races, and provide assistance during a Town emergency. When on duty, Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as full time police officer. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer, the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee, as well as annual first aid/CRP and firearms qualification sponsored by the Stoneham Police.

Currently, there are sixteen active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

Gerald Sullivan - Commissioner
August Niewenhous – Chief
David Luciano – Lieutenant
George Lessard – Sergeant
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman
Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman
Donald Doucette – Patrolman

Douglas Eames – Patrolman
Michael Eastman- Patrolman
Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
John Lazzaro - Patrolman
John Maguire - Patrolman
James Murphy - Patrolman
Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman
Juan Yopez - Patrolman

In the year 2005, these individuals donated in excess of 300 hours to the Town of Stoneham.

**2005 - D.A.R.E. PROGRAM
OFFICER TOM CULLEN**

Despite it's reduction, the D.A.R.E. program continues to grow in popularity with students, parents, law enforcement and educators. I continue to receive only positive feedback from the community.

As the D.A.R.E. Officer assigned from the Stoneham Police Department, I wish to acknowledge the cooperative support of the Town Administrator, the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Schools.

As you can see from his narrative above, Chief O'Keefe had to make hard decisions to operate the Police Department with a reduced budget. The DARE program was not eliminated in Stoneham thanks to Chief O'Keefe's determination in

bringing D.A.R.E.'s message to our children – although on a reduced basis. It was our strong belief that Middle School age children were the children that we wanted to impact the most. These children have proven to be the most at-risk age group for drug abuse. Although we would like to have continued the DARE program at elementary level this year, unfortunately due to our Town's financial problems, we could not reinstate the elementary school curriculums.

The D.A.R.E. classroom is unique. This is the class where the subject is the student. They learn about themselves. They talk about themselves. They set goals for themselves and graduate empowered. The core strength of the Stoneham D.A.R.E. program is continuous reaffirmation of the child's self esteem and individual awareness which leads to strengthening their personal life choices.

We are looking forward to the annual Al Duff 2006 Memorial Race for D.A.R.E. to be held on Town Day in September. We are trying to get as many runners and people involved this year as it is our major fund raiser for the year. This race was established by the family of former Safety Officer Al Duff because of his love for the children of Stoneham. The D.A.R.E. program continues Al's work and, hopefully, with the donations received from the community and merchants, we can continue to build upon what Al started. It is our goal to give the children as much information about the destructive effects of drugs and violence as we can; and, hopefully, with this information they will make educated and good decisions which will impact their lives.

Once again, our main concern is for the safety of the children not only with drugs but the violence which occurs in our society. In closing, I would like to thank the many organizations and people who help to support the D.A.R.E. program in our continuing efforts to fight the war on drugs.

**2005 COMMUNITY POLICE
SGT. STEVE NIMS, DIRECTOR**

In 2005, the Stoneham Community Police officers were very active in the Stoneham school system throughout the year as School Resource Officers. The following officers were assigned to the High School and Middle School, one day a week: Officer Robert Kennedy at the High School and Officer Joseph Ponzo at the Middle School. Other officers were assigned to each elementary school for 8 hours per month: Sgt. Robert Swasey at Central School; Sgt. David Stefanelli at Robin Hood School, Officer Thomas Day at South School and Officer Renee Lehmann at the Colonial Park School. Our Officers also attended all school functions, dances, field trips, field days, and PTL meetings. Community Police, in partnership with the Middle School PTL and the business community, fund the After-School Homework Club as well as awarding four \$250 cash prizes for eighth grade winners of the Community Police Essay Contest.

Community Police also sponsor other activities throughout the community. The Fishing Derby at Spot Pond was held in the spring and was attended by over 600 kids and their families. The activity organized by Detective Paul Norton and Officer Thomas Marshall was attended by other Community Police Officers. The Stranger Danger program is very active in the elementary schools and pre-school, which is run by Sgt. David Stefanelli, Sgt. Tony Kranefuss and Detective Paul Norton. Town Day is heavily participated by Community Police officers and Bike officers who provide security and crowd control during the entire day. The Bike Unit, which is commanded by Sgt. David Stefanelli, participates at many town events throughout the year as well as directed patrols in the good weather. They are valuable assets to the police department and the Town. Officer Chris Apalakis is very active at the Senior Center activities throughout the year. He also maintains the flowerbeds at the senior center on Elm Street. Community Police continues to pay and provide for a telephone at the Finnegan Hall on Duncklee Avenue. Community Police continues its strong relationship with the Boys and Girls Club throughout the year with an officer who is assigned to all Band Nights, dances and special events.

In December, 2005, the Community Police Unit sponsored its eleventh annual "Kids Christmas Party" for the children and their families who reside in the Stoneham Housing Developments. Over fifty kids were treated to entertainment by Ms. Claus, a Master Balloon maker, Sparky the fire dog, McGruff, the crime dog and, of course, a visit by Santa Claus. This function wouldn't take place without the generous contributions of the business community and private citizens. A very special thanks to Officer Thomas Marshall whose tireless energy and fund-raising expertise makes this party happen each year.

The many activities that the Community Police sponsors and participates in throughout the year wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the continued generous support of the business community, private organizations and private citizens. For that, we are very grateful.

2005 TRAINING REPORT SGT. ROBERT SWASEY

Major Lt. Joseph Del Rossi and Sgt. Robert Swasey are the Stoneham Police Department's training officers and are responsible for scheduling and specialized training for members of the department hosted at the department's training facilities or at off-site locations. The training was offered by federal, state, county and private agencies. The following is a list of some of the training officers attended throughout the year.

Anatomy of a Homicide by Middlesex District Attorney's Office - Lt. McCarthy, Inspectors Bates, Alger, Peek, Denehy McKinnon, Norton and Officers Wilkins and Kennedy.

OxyContin Use and its Abuse by Purdue Pharmacology - Inspector McKinnon.

Strategies to Combat Elder Abuse by Mass. State Attorney General's Office – Officers Lehmann, Kennedy and Apalakis.

National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician By The National Safe Kids Campaign – Officer Cullen.

Conflict Negotiation by the Mass. Insurance Association – Lt. Moore

All Officers attended the four day inservice training sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee at Camp Curtis Guild in Reading. The areas covered were CPR, AED Use, First Responder, Legal Updates, Incident Command Training as well as State and Local Antiterrorism Training.

All of this training has been used in the day-to-day operations of the Stoneham Police Department. Training has played an important role in maintaining essential services that this police department delivers to the citizens of Stoneham.

2005
S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons And Tactics)
R.R.T. (Rapid Response Team)
By
Officer Tom Heller

In 2005, the Stoneham Police Department SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team representatives, comprised of Officer Steve Carroll and myself, were called out a total of 19 times.

These SWAT calls varied in scope from barricade situations, to high risk arrests and search warrants. Ever on the alert for terrorist activity we were also called upon for dignitary protection assignments.

The RRT was called again by the City of Boston to assist the Boston Police Department as additional strength. to help keep order during the September games between the Red Sox and the New York Yankees. From an operational stand point it was a success, but from a sports fan's perception, it was a great disappointment.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 146th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2005.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

For the first time in several years the staff of the Stoneham Public Library remained the same for the full year.

BUDGET ISSUES

The budget continues to be an issue for the Town of Stoneham and, by extension, for the library. The Town again wisely provided enough funding to maintain the library's mandated state certification and insure the State Aid award of monies in excess of \$24,000. This is money that is desperately needed by the library to supplement an ever shrinking materials budget.

Unfortunately, the library and the town are faced with the same budget problems in the coming year. Again the town is facing a fiscal crisis, and again the library is in danger of losing its State Certification and \$24,000+ in State Aid.

MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

Due to budget constraints, the library's materials budget was cut from a high of \$106,000 in FY03 to \$75,332 in FY05. Between FY03 and FY05 the library lost nearly \$60,000 from its materials budget and the outlook deteriorates every year. Without State Aid the library's collection would be a disaster.

39 periodical subscriptions have been eliminated from the collection since 2003. It's frightening to contemplate how many books have not been purchased due to budget woes.

The decrease in our ability to purchase materials is reflected in the number of items we borrowed from other libraries. Interlibrary loan requests were up by more than 22% over 2004 with a total of 8,368 items borrowed from other libraries. This valuable service will continue as long as we are certified.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday openings are still lost due to budget constraints. All other hours remained the same.

YOUNG ADULT CENTER

The Joanne Harriman Young Adult Area opened for business early in 2005. New shelves, seating, books, audiobooks, and even a listening station were added to the newly revamped area. We would again like to thank the Stoneham Kiwanis for their gift. The revitalized Young Adult collection has seen a marked increase activity since this project was completed. Thanks to Children's Library staff, particularly Theresa Maturevich, for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

The Junior Library continues to offer excellent programs for children of all ages. In 2005 pre-School Story Hour programs attendance increased by 22% to 3,346 attendees, 472 children participated in the Summer Reading Program, and 8,497 attended other programs offered by the Junior Library, an increase of 6%. It was a very busy and successful year.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

New programs continue to be added to the library's schedule. Thanks to the efforts of Assistant Director May Forkin, the library in conjunction with the Friends of the Library hosted a series of author visits over the course of the year. Authors included Stephen McCauley, Philip Craig, Michael Tougias, Mameve Medwed, and many others, culminating in a visit from mystery writer Linda Barnes.

The adult reading group celebrated its first full year of book discussion. This very successful program continues to grow as members meet monthly to share their reactions to their latest title. Kudos and thanks to Reference Librarian Maureen Saltzman for her efforts with this group.

THANK YOU

As always, the Library Board of Trustees and I would like to thank the staff of the Stoneham Public Library for their continued hard work during challenging times. Staff members have displayed a level of professionalism and care for our patrons second to none. It cannot be said enough, the Stoneham Public Library continues to be open more hours with a smaller and more underpaid staff than any library in our area.

We would also like to thank the Stoneham Savings Bank for their grant which allowed the library to purchase new shelving for two areas of our collection. The library will have a new look in the next few months due to their generosity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Todd
Library Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works is now operating with a total complement of 29 full time employees. This includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance staffing. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the "privatization" of more aspects of our operation.

In 1981 there were 67 full time employees in the Department. Today's complement of 29 employees is not nearly enough to adequately and safely maintain the Town and its infrastructure while addressing everyday issues.

As a result, nearly all of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal; maintenance of the Town's parks and public lands (including school fields); most of our sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement; and most of our water main installations/replacements are accomplished by private contractors. This movement towards "privatization" leaves the Town shorthanded when confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms. In order to provide adequate plowing services, additional contractors must be hired.

The Department is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off center and leaf programs were very active and successful. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall, a hazardous waste day in November, and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. Curbside recycling participation has been exceptional. A book drop off has been added to the Recycling Center. This year the Town adopted a trash fee to offset the spiraling costs of rubbish disposal.

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup of the cemetery. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted D.P.W. forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering plans and supervises the diverse activities performed by the Public Works Department. The activities range from trench and pothole repair, to sign installation and replacement, to water main replacement and sanitary sewer and storm drainage design, to assessing and selecting locations for new trees, to cemetery roadway and plot planning, construction and plot layout, to contract and bid specification writing, site plan and subdivision review with associated surety

need estimates and subsequent updates. This division also oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems; the 70 mile plus roadway network; and the maintenance of the various buildings and properties under the control of the Department of Public Works, including maintenance of the Town Hall. In addition, Engineering serves as a consultant to virtually every Town department and committee.

Engineering is also responsible for the maintenance, upgrading and updating of the multitude of plans and records kept by the Department. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer and water main, and each service connection, as well as the related pumping stations and appurtenances, are maintained and updated so as to provide all necessary information on short notice.

During the year, the Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for 24 different contracts. Nearly 100 proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered. A successful contract negotiation was concluded with the Town's rubbish pickup contractor. Year five of the current contract was eliminated and a new five- year deal at a reduced rate was agreed upon.

The Board of Selectmen forwarded twelve new or revised site plans for our review and evaluation during 2005. Considerable time was expended reviewing projects at the end of Manison Street (2 buildings), 163 Main Street (Eastern Bank), 426 Main Street (Love's Furniture), 10 Pomeworth Street condominiums, and the end of Fallon Road. The Planning Board requested our input regarding four subdivisions consisting of over 20 lots. Significant construction took place within the Summit Road and Skyewood Drive extension subdivisions.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway and utility design and conformity to regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer is ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to ensure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. In addition, Engineering is responsible for the daily inspection of all ongoing roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and at construction sites, as well as the final inspection of each subdivision and the development of a punch list for completion prior to the final surety release.

As of November 1, 2000, the Town of Stoneham purchased the 1560 street-lights in Town from NStar (formerly Boston Edison Company). Upgrades, additions, and repairs are now performed by way of a contract with Wakefield Municipal Light Department. Nearly all maintenance issues are resolved in a timely fashion, the exception being problems with direct bury wiring from the early 1980's. Trenching and conduit installation to repair several longstanding outages will be accomplished as funding allows.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. Beta Programs International, Inc., is providing continuing building surveying, device testing and computer services.

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town.

Engineering continues working with and administering the contracts of various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Beta Programs International, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements)
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Water & Waste Pipe Testing (water leak detection survey)
5. Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit)

The Sewer System Evaluation Study referred to above is being accomplished at least in part with funding from grants. A great deal of time is spent applying for and administering these evaluation and construction grant awards and submitting appropriate reimbursement request documentation. Additional filming of potential problem areas as identified by the aqua zoom process (the northwest section of Town) took place during 2005. Over 90% of our system has now been filmed in this manner. Additional work included the replacement of the 20-foot-deep collapsed sewer manhole at the intersection of Main Street and Marble Street; and the rehabilitation of a section of main and portions of service lines between #5 and #12 Walsh Avenue. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., is currently evaluating the Northwest, Citation Avenue, and Fallon Road pumping stations for necessary upgrading. In addition, contracts are being prepared for relining (pipes and manholes), spot repairs, and testing and sealing in the Peabody/Middlesex Road and Lincolnville areas. This work will be bid in 2006. The Sewer System Evaluation Study has been very successful in reducing infiltration and inflow into the Town's sewer system.

As noted in the 2004 report, work started on the installation of a pedestrian crossing signal on Montvale Avenue in December of 2004. Work was completed and the signal functional in the spring of 2005.

During the summer, five school zone traffic signals (2 on Oak Street, 1 on Pomeworth Street, 1 on Summer Street, 1 on William Street) were installed/retro-fitted.

Other significant projects were as follows:

- 1. Town sidewalk/curbing installation program and/or Chapter 90 funded sidewalk work.
- 2. Clean up Spring Lane and Stevens Street storage and recycling yards.
- 3. Providing appropriate plans and supporting documentation and holding hearings associated with the acceptance of streets as Public Ways.
- 4. Coordination of the installation, upgrading, and maintenance of street lighting.
- 5. Leaf disposal program
- 6. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work being done with state funding (Chapter 90).
- 7. Administering contracts for the maintenance of the Town Common, Main Street islands, and parks including mowing and irrigation.
- 8. Snow plow contractor hiring, route assignment, and coordination of efforts related to plowing, salting, and sanding operations; as well as plowing at schools and school crossings.

HIGHWAY

Cold planning and paving was provided by Aggregate Industries of Saugus, MA. The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer during 2005:

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| 1. Hill Street | 5. Pleasant Street |
| 2. Maple Street | 6. Randolph Road |
| 3. Montvale Avenue | 7. Rhuland Road |
| 4. Newcomb Road | 8. Richardson Lane |

The following streets or portions thereof were resurfaced during 2005:

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| 1. Albion Avenue | 8. Pleasant Street |
| 2. Garfield Avenue | 9. Randolph Road |
| 3. Hill Street | 10. Rhuland Road |
| 4. Jefts Terrace | 11. Richardson Lane |
| 5. Maple Street | 12. Thomas Circle |
| 6. Montvale Avenue | |
| 7. Newcomb Road | |

SHADE TREE PROGRAM

Lack of funding resulted in a reduction in the number of trees purchased and planted during 2005. Hopefully more money will be available in the future to expand this popular program. Only 25 trees were planted during 2005.

SIDEWALK/ACCESSIBILITY

Fiscal constraints resulted in the elimination of our sidewalk program of recent years. Consequently, sidewalk work accomplished during 2005 was only that related to roadway resurfacing projects.

In conjunction with our resurfacing program, bituminous and cement concrete sidewalks on parts of the following streets were removed and replaced or resurfaced. Some of the work was performed by Town forces and some by our contractor, D & R General Contracting of Stoneham.

1. Newcomb Road

HIGHWAY – Paving by Contractor during 2005

1. Orchard Place

CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Approximately 2,000 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by D&M Catch Basin Cleaning, Billerica, Massachusetts. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided only by our own sweeper, thus extending the time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

- 1. Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc. Hanover, Massachusetts, provided line, word, and symbol painting.
- 2. Traffic signal maintenance was provided by Electric Light Company, Inc., of Cape Neddick, Maine.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

- 1. Sewer manhole replacement at the Main Street/Marble street intersection.
- 2. Walsh Avenue replaced 30 feet of sewer main which had collapsed.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

- 1. Skyewood Drive – 395 feet of 8” P.V.C. and 3 SMH.
- 2. Summit Road – 250 feet of 8” P.V.C. and 1 SMH.

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

		SIZE	LENGTH	GATES	HYDRANTS
1.	Cedarway	8”	598’-0”	3	1
2.	Cross Street	8”	234’-4”	2	
3.	Christine Avenue	8”	250’-0”	2	
4.	Wagner Road	8”	948’-7”	7	2

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

		SIZE	LENGTH	GATES	HYDRANTS
1.	Skyewood Drive	8”	490’	2	2
2.	Summit Road	8”	230’	3	1

SNOW FIGHTING

The total snowfall for the 2004-2005 winter season was 99½ inches. Ten storms needed to be plowed, the largest being snowfalls of 26 inches on January 22, 2005; 8½ on December 26, 2004; 7 inches on February 28, 2005; and 6 inches on January 26, February 21, and March 8, 2005.

CEMETERY

A new section of Lindenwood Cemetery was made available for sale in the summer of 2005.

Number of lots sold – January through December 31, 2005 – 70

Number of interments – January through December 31, 2005 – 95

TREE DIVISION

The budget for FY06 voted at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting again provided minimal tree maintenance monies. As a result, no contractors could be retained under an annual contract to provide for trimming or emergency work.

Trees removed – 53

Stumps ground – 48

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

The following work was performed by Department personnel in response to phone calls. Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by a crew of three or four men with trucks and an excavator.

SEWER RELATED CALLS

1.	Main sewer plugs	22
2.	Sewer service plugs	55
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	4
4.	Miscellaneous sewer calls	50

WATER RELATED CALLS

1.	Water main break	7
2.	Water service repairs including service gates (11 leaks included)	50
3.	Meter repairs/replacements/readings	550
4.	Water turn on/off	80
5.	Rusty water calls (some were internal problems)	40
6.	Miscellaneous calls	115
7.	Hydrant repairs (8 leaks included)	25
8.	Hydrant replacement	12
9.	Water service relays	20
10.	Frozen service calls	8

DRAIN RELATED CALLS

- 1. Miscellaneous drain calls 70
- 2. Drain repairs/replacements 15

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

- 1. Sign installations/replacements/repairs 250
- 2. Dead animal pick-ups 140

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY CONTRACTOR

- 1. New water services 13
- 2. New sewer services 16

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

- 1. Winterize hydrants
- 2. Sewer flushing program, continuous critical area inspection
- 3. Install and remove Christmas lights/decorations
- 4. Repair and fill sand barrels
- 5. Rake and pick up leaves from Town properties
- 6. Shade tree program
- 7. Water meter replacement program
- 8. Remote reader installation program
- 9. Weekly recycling program
- 10. Water main flushing program
- 11. Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
- 12. Seasonally change decorative banners along Main Street
- 13. Replace or repair defective hydrants as necessary.
- 14. Replace damaged and/or missing regulatory and street signs. Add signs as needed.
- 15. Hazardous waste collection
- 16. Clearing critical catch basin grates.

**STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**2005 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 2004/2005 school year was a very challenging year for the Stoneham School Committee. Financial constraints of the Town continued to require the Stoneham School Committee to make difficult decisions involving school personnel and school program reductions.

The School Committee's Five-Year Strategic Plan continued to provide valuable direction for the development of individual school improvement plans. Unfortunately, the 2004/2005 school year saw some of the Strategic Plan goals that had been accomplished being lost to forced budget cuts. One example of this would be elementary reading specialists. Restoration of reading specialists in elementary schools was a stated goal in the current Five Year Strategic Plan. This goal was accomplished in school year 2001/2002, only to be lost to budget "cuts" in school year 2003/2004. An overview of the current 2000-2005 Five-Year Strategic Plan includes the following:

District Goal 1: Curriculum

To insure delivery of the most current research-based curriculum utilizing:

- adequate and appropriate texts and materials
- effective, high impact professional development
- accountability through administrative support, monitoring, and evaluation

District Goal 2: Technology

To continue the utilization of technology as a communications and teaching tool that integrates with curriculum in a manner that:

- promotes more effective learning
- reflects how information and resources are accessed, analyzed, and communicated in the real world
- promotes critical thinking skills

District Goal 3: Finance

To implement a budget development and management process that promotes accountability and community support for the Stoneham Public Schools' identified financial needs.

District Goal 4: Facilities

To provide physical plant facilities that maximizes the range of learning opportunities through the provision and maintenance of adequate space and equipment.

District Goal 5: Personnel

To develop a five-year plan for the inclusion of additional instructional and support staff to meet enrollment-driven and school committee approved program enhancement needs.

The School Committee began the 2004/2005 school year by accepting sizable appropriations from the Town of Stoneham's local cable companies. The funding from Comcast and RCN, that totaled almost \$300,000, allowed the school department to renovate and upgrade its Channel 10 broadcasting studio and to install a fiber optics network in all of our public schools.

During the months of July and August 2004, much of the School Committee's time was spent closely monitoring available funds within their FY2005 school budget so that some critically needed personnel that had been lost, due to budget cuts, could be restored.

In July 2004, the School Committee was able to restore one high school teaching position that was necessary to meet State Time-on-Learning Standards. Also restored was the Middle School assistant principal position and one art and one music teacher for the elementary schools. The School Committee was able to restore these positions from additional Circuit Breaker funding received from the Department of Education and from unemployment insurance savings as laid-off employees reported they had found other employment.

Also in July, Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services, Robert McArdle, notified the School Committee of his intent to resign effective in October of 2004. Mr. McArdle, who had administered Stoneham's Special Education, Health Services, and Title I programs since 1999, had accepted the position of Executive Director of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative. As a result of this resignation, the School Committee appointed a search committee to find a replacement for Mr. McArdle. After advertising, reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and performing reference checks, the Administer of Pupil Personnel Search Committee recommended two finalists to be interviewed by the School Committee at a public meeting in late August, 2004. Following the public interviews, the School Committee approved the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation to hire Kathleen Curtis as Stoneham's Administrator of Pupil Personnel. At the time of her hiring, Ms. Curtis was serving as the Assistant Special Education Director for the City of Salem, Massachusetts. Ms. Curtis was able to begin her employment in Stoneham during the month of September, which allowed her to collaborate with Mr. McArdle before his departure. This insured a smooth transition for our student special education services.

In late August, the School Department was able to rehire the four part time elementary school technology aides that had been laid-off in June. Using funds made available by several late summer teacher resignations, the School Committee was able to restore these very essential positions in each elementary school. The part time technology aides oversee the computer labs in each school and assist the classroom teachers with classroom computers and educational software.

In early September of 2004, the School Committee approved using school bus funds to hire two traffic supervisors to supervise and control traffic flow and parent parking at the South School and Central School parking lots. These positions had been eliminated from the Town's Police Department budget. School bus funding was made available to hire the two traffic directors when Stoneham families, who qualified for school bus transportation by living greater than two miles from their school, voluntarily offered to transport their own children. By mid-September, Cindy Tarquinio and Erin Riddell were hired and performing their duties at South School and Central School parking lots.

In October 2004, the School Committee heard a report from High School Principal Dr. Thomas Ryan and Middle School Principal Mr. James Andreottola, concerning class size and the elimination of all after school extracurricular activities. It was reported that, due to staff reductions, class size in both schools was extremely high. Dr. Ryan indicated that the High School started the 2004/2005 school year with over fifty classes with enrollments above thirty students. Mr. Andreottola reported that the Middle School science and social studies classes, at all grade levels, had average class sizes in the high twenties with many exceeding thirty students. Both principals reported that efforts were underway to restore some of the basic extracurricular student activities, such as student council, newspaper, Carnival Ball, and class advisors, by seeking private donations and increasing the cost of admission at student events and the cost of publications such as school newspapers and school yearbooks.

In the late fall of 2004, the School Committee announced that they had nominated Stoneham resident Donna Weiss and the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce for statewide awards presented annually by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and that each nomination had been selected by MASC. At the November 4, 2004 School Committee meeting, Paul Schlickman, President of MASC, presented Donna Weiss with the Friends of Public Education Award, and Sharon Iovanni, Executive Director of the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, with the Outstanding Partnership Award.

At the mid-year point in school year 2004/2005, the School Committee heard and approved a detailed self-study report prepared by the Stoneham High School faculty. This self-study report was being submitted to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Accreditation Division, in preparation for Stoneham High School's ten year accreditation review—which is scheduled for the fall of 2006.

In January 2005, the School Committee approved a proposal from music teachers Edmund Grammar and Robert Lague to implement a Middle School after school instrumental and chorus program to be funded by the students at \$50 per semester, or \$100 per year, per pupil. It was the hope of Mr. Lague and Mr. Grammar that this after school program would partially address the impact of losing the instrumental and chorus programs from the grade 5-8 curriculum. Both music teachers stated that they hoped this fee-based after school program would prepare the students to help maintain the High School band and chorus programs in future years.

The School Committee also heard a report during the winter months from Dr. Ryan and Athletic Director Michael Lahiff regarding the impact of not funding several varsity and sub-varsity sports programs during the 2004/2005 school year. Mr. Lahiff reported that most eliminated sports programs had continued to operate by raising funds privately—but that it would not be fair to continue to only require certain student athletes to raise the funds for their sports programs to operate. Dr. Ryan and Mr. Lahiff also expressed concern for student athlete's safety as they stood outside stores and on street corners seeking donations for their sport programs. A proposal of increasing the student athlete participation fee to \$250 per sport, per student, was reluctantly approved by the School Committee. As a result, all sport programs were restored for the 2005/2006 school year with Stoneham believed to have the highest participation fee in the Middlesex League.

Also in January, 2005, the Stoneham School Committee unveiled their "Wall of Honor" featuring the portraits of former Superintendent of Schools since 1957. Funding for the framed portraits was generously provided by former School Committee member and active Stoneham resident Peter D'Angelo. Present at the unveiling of the portraits, which would be mounted permanently in the High School library, were the family of William Hoyt (1987-1994), Frank Matarese (1984-1986), Daniel Hogan (1970-1984), and the family of Dr. Michael Scarpitto (1957-1970).

The School Committee, once again, honored the Stoneham High School Boys Soccer Team and their parents and coaches for winning the Massachusetts Class C State Championship. Each player and coach was presented with a team picture plaque.

During the months of February 2005 through May 2005, much of the School Committee's time and attention was spent finalizing the FY2006 school budget, to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting in May 2005. In spite of the School Committee's efforts to identify a very basic "maintenance level" budget for school year 2005/2006, the Town's projected revenue called for the school budget to be reduced over 1.2 million dollars. The School Committee was forced to consider the closure of the Middle School and the transfer of the students in grades seven and eight to the new Central Elementary School. This would require grade six students to be reassigned to each of the three remaining elementary schools. It

also would require the redistricting of the entire Central School elementary district into the South, Robin Hood, and Colonial Park Schools. This plan also required all elementary school district lines to be redrawn. The School Committee held several public meetings to explain the redistricting plan.

During the months of March and April, the School Committee became actively involved with the school districts of Arlington, Saugus and Winthrop—which were also not being funded fairly by Chapter 70.

Several cost-saving initiatives were researched and attempted by the School Committee in order to avoid the necessity of further personnel reductions, potential closure of the Middle School, and redistricting of all elementary school districts. They included an Early Retirement Incentive for veteran teachers, an Opt-Out Health Insurance Incentive Program for all Town employees, and out-sourcing school custodial costs.

In late spring, just prior to Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen took action to implement a townwide trash fee, which generated enough new revenue to avoid the need of closing the Middle School and redistricting all elementary school districts. Further action by the Town Administrator to reduce the projected cost of health insurance and to absorb the unemployment insurance obligation of the school department, allowed a FY2006 School Budget of \$21,835,000 to be presented and approved at the May 2, 2005 Town Meeting.

In May 2005, veteran school administrator Kathy Windisch, Principal of the Central Elementary School, announced her intent to retire. This required the School Committee to appoint two principalship search committees—one for the Central School and one for the Middle School, due to the anticipated retirement of veteran Middle School Principal James Andreottola. The posting of Mr. Andreottola's position had been delayed until it was determined that the Middle School would reopen in September of 2005. Following a two month search process for both positions, the School Committee announced, in July 2005, that Christine McMenimen would become the Principal of Stoneham Middle School and Mr. Larry MacElhiney would become the Principal of the Central School. Ms. McMenimen had been an employee with the Stoneham Public Schools for nineteen years as a World Language teacher and for the past seven years as Middle School Assistant Principal. Mr. MacElhiney had been an elementary school teacher and an elementary school principal for the Topsfield Public Schools for twenty-eight years.

The 2005 Town Election saw Maureen Soley elected to a full three year term, replacing David Sheils, who had not sought reelection, and Cheryl Walsh reelected to another three year term.

At the June School Committee meeting, Marie Christie was elected to serve as Chairperson and Kristin Russo was elected to serve as Vice Chairperson for the 2005/2006 school year.

At the final meeting of the year, Chairperson Marie Christie announced the 2004/2005 recipients of the Stoneham School Committee's Crystal Apple Awards. Recipients honored were:

James Andreottola	Principal of the Middle School, retired June 2005
Kathleen Windisch	Principal of the Central School, retired June 2005
Beverly Mattatall	Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation
Stephen Qualtrocchi	Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation
James Carino	Media Technology Specialist and coach of the Stoneham High School boys' soccer team.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Each year five high school students are selected by their peers to represent the views of students at all School Committee meetings. These student representatives receive all non-confidential materials and are encouraged to state their opinions on public agenda items and reports. Although the students do not vote, their views are carefully considered by the town-elected Committee members. The resulting discussions enable the members of the Committee to understand the issues at hand from a student's perspective. In 2004-2005 that perspective included views on courses at the high school, the budget process, NEASC accreditation, and the MCAS Testing Program. Representing the student body during 2005-2006 are Elise Brown, Kelly Brown, Betsy Higer, Shyam Subramanian, Jennifer Grossi and Marcelline Previlon. We wish to also acknowledge the contributions of Brian Ansbikian, Elise Brown, Kelly Brown, Anne Catalano, Alison D'Orsi, Betsy Higer, Ashley Sullivan and Megan Sutherland who served during the 2004-2005 school year.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The 2004/2005 school year was a difficult year due to many circumstances. In spite of these many challenges, I am pleased to report that our dedicated teaching and support staff maintained their steadfast commitment to the children of Stoneham and school year 2004/2005 proved to be very positive and productive. Once again, the school department struggled throughout the year to cope with the impact of lost funding for instructional materials and needed personnel. A total of thirty school personnel positions were eliminated due to budget reductions to the 2004/2005 school budget.

To off-set these losses, school officials, concerned citizens, many parent groups, and business leaders in the community combined efforts to generate additional revenue to assist in funding lost programs for the students. Many local businesses, such as StonehamBank, Shaws, Stop and Shop, Stoneham Ford, and Stoneham Rotary Club, stepped forward to financially support many unfunded student programs. The programs included after school activities at the Middle School, homework clubs in the elementary schools, and extracurricular clubs such as the Math Team at the High School.

In September 2004, the old Central School was leased for two years to the North Reading School Department. The North Reading Batchelder Elementary School was undergoing a two year reconstruction and the Central School was chosen as an alternative site for their K-6 school with a student population of 400. FY2005 rental income from this lease and leases for the North and East Schools totaled \$325,000. All of this rental revenue was used to off-set the operating expenses of all six public schools in Stoneham. In effect, this added rental income helped avoid additional personnel and service cuts in Stoneham.

On October 1, 2004, The Stoneham Public Schools experienced one of the most serious and tragic accidents in Town history. At the close of school on Friday, October 1st, several Central School children, some parents, and some preschool siblings became victims of a terrible accident when a car jumped the curb and collided with a total of twelve people as they stood outside the Central School. From the moment the accident occurred, the entire community of Stoneham reached out to help the injured and their families. The entire Central School staff, the Stoneham Police Department and the Stoneham Fire Department are to be commended for responding to the terrible emergency so effectively and with such compassion. Our preexisting townwide Crisis Plan was extremely helpful in providing the Central School staff and school officials with the clear direction they needed to respond to an accident of this magnitude.

Faced with increasing class size at all grade levels within the school system, the school administration and School Committee adopted guidelines to assist in balancing district-wide enrollments. Effective with the 2004/2005 school year, any family moving into a Stoneham school district with children in a grade level that exceeds maximum enrollment guidelines will be required to enroll their child(ren) in another Stoneham district with lower enrollment numbers.

Kindergarten	25 or Higher
Grades 1-3	27 or Higher
Grades 4 and 5	28 or Higher

At Town Meeting in October 2004, the Town appropriated an additional \$100,000 to the FY2005 School Budget. This much needed additional funding was used to help cover the expenses of miscellaneous repairs at the High School and Middle School and to restore a Directed Studies teacher at the High School and an elementary art teacher through June 2005.

The annual K-12 Enrollment Projection Study was presented to the School Committee at their second meeting in October 2004. Using a modified Cohort Survival Technique that examines past enrollment patterns to project future enrollment trends, it was determined that Stoneham's K-12 enrollment would—for the eighth consecutive year—show a modest increase of approximately twenty students. Elementary and Middle School enrollments were expected to be stable with an enrollment increase projected at the High School for at least two more years. This enrollment data is used annually to help develop the school budget for the next fiscal year.

In November 2004, the School Committee hosted a presentation which saw Allison Landers, a senior at Stoneham High School, receive the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Certification of Academic Excellence Award. This special academic award is presented each year by the Superintendent of Schools to the High School student who possesses the highest grade point average at the end of his/her junior year.

Also in November 2004, it was announced that the Town of Stoneham would receive a Foundation Reserve Grant (Pot Hole Grant) in the sum of \$42,000. Stoneham had qualified for this grant program because it was able to demonstrate that the State's Chapter 70 reimbursement for Stoneham was inadequate. At the November School Committee meeting, Senator Tisei and Representative Casey's assistance in helping Stoneham receive a "Pot Hole" grant each of the past four years was acknowledged. The \$42,000 grant was used to help cover the expenses incurred by the Town to replace the Middle School boiler and repair the support columns of the High School bleachers.

In December 2004, it was reported that Stoneham's lunch program continued to be financially very sound. School lunch revenues continue to make this program totally self-supporting. Profits from the lunch program have been used to cover the expenses of necessary kitchen capital repairs—including replacement of equipment. During the 2004/2005 school year, Stoneham Public Schools provided daily lunch program services for St. Patrick's School. This added participation further benefited the school lunch program profit margin.

In January 2005, Draft 1 of the 2005/2006 School Budget was presented to the School Committee. The FY2006 Draft 1 Budget had been developed over the previous three months, starting with the enrollment projection report and the identification of major capital needs in October. In November, principals and department heads conducted inventories of supplies and instructional materials. They then identified their non-salary and salary needs for the next school year. Several budget meetings were held between the budget holders and Central Office administration before a final draft of the budget was finalized in December. The final version of Draft 1 reflected a budget request that had already undergone close scrutiny with only a level of funding being requested that allowed the School Department to maintain the current level of services.

The Draft 1 "Maintenance Level" Budget totaled \$22,533,047. Unfortunately, the Town Administrator's proposed budget for the school department, which was based on estimated available FY2006 revenue, came in at \$21,241,284. This created a gap of \$1,291,763. As a result, the School Committee and school officials spent much of their time between January and April working tirelessly to find ways to reduce and balance their proposed school budget. Over \$400,000 in non-salary reductions, plus thirteen school personnel positions, were eliminated.

Much time was spent and much community discussion also took place considering the possibility of closing the Middle School. This action, if implemented, would also have resulted in all four elementary school districts being redistricted to allow the elementary schools to absorb the Middle School grade 6-8 student population.

In the end, the Board of Selectmen imposed a townwide trash fee that produced one million dollars in added revenue, half of which was earmarked for the school department. This avoided the need to close the Middle School, but still left the school budget out of balance by \$448,000. Just prior to the May Annual Town Meeting, and following several joint Tri-Board public meetings (School Committee, Finance and Advisory Board, Board of Selectmen), it was agreed that the school department would reduce their health insurance line item in anticipation of townwide action that would help reduce the FY2006 health insurance rates. This, combined with a reduction in the school department's unemployment insurance line item, allowed the FY2006 budget of \$21,835,000 to be presented and approved at the May Town Meeting as a balanced budget.

In another revenue producing initiative, the school administration contracted with Educational Consultants to rent the Central School during the months of July and August 2005. Educational Consultants of New England, Inc. is a premier full-service agency providing comprehensive and results-oriented educational programming for students with special needs and their families. The rental agreement called for twelve classrooms to be used at a rate of \$1,000 per classroom, plus utility costs. By state law, this rental income can only be used for the upkeep and repair of public school buildings in Stoneham.

Grants continued to support our many ongoing curricular needs. The following is an example of several grant funded programs that occurred this past year:

- Early Literacy initiatives at the elementary level. We were able to expand our pilot of the Foundations program at the primary grades to help us in addressing the language development needs of our students. Likewise, Guided Reading training in district took place in supporting the creation and use of learning centers in our elementary classes.

- South School staff participated in the training to implement the Open Circle Program from the Stone Center at Wellesley College. This program addresses bullying, social and emotional growth in students. The Open Circle Curriculum fosters the development of relationships that support safe, caring and respectful learning communities of children and adults.
- Sheltered English Immersion training was offered across the district in collaboration with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and Lesley University to provide staff with the knowledge and skills to help our English Language Learners succeed in our classroom.

In late June 2005, as the Superintendent of Schools, I notified the School Committee that ten school employees had unexpectedly submitted their resignations. Most resignations involved teacher decisions to seek employment in other school communities or last minute decisions to retire. The savings produced by these unanticipated personnel changes allowed the School Committee to utilize the salary savings to rehire a fifth grade teacher for both the South School and Robin Hood School to address very high class size conditions that existed in these grades at these two schools.

During the month of June 2005 and throughout the summer months, much time was spent conducting principalship searches for Stoneham Middle School and the Central Elementary School. A search for a replacement for retiring Middle School principal James Andreottola had been delayed until it was determined that the Middle School would not be closed. A principalship vacancy developed at the Central School when veteran Principal Kathy Windisch announced her intent to retire in late May 2005. Following a search process that produced 40 applicants for each position, Dr. Connelly appointed long time Stoneham teacher and Assistant Principal Christine McMenimen as Principal of the Middle School. Mr. Larry MacElhiney, a twenty-eight year veteran teacher and administrator for the Topsfield Public Schools was appointed Principal of the Central Elementary School. Both principals were available to begin work in August and were able to play an integral role in the successful reopening of each school in late August of 2005.

On behalf of the Stoneham School Committee and the entire Stoneham school community, I sincerely thank the people of Stoneham that have worked so tirelessly to preserve and support educational excellence in Stoneham.

RETIREES

A number of staff members retired during the 2004-2005 school year. At the High School, Darlene Manson, part time secretary, retired after 21 years. At the Middle School, Principal James Andreottola teacher Kathleen Trider, and Joanne Murren, school nurse, retired. Elementary staff retiring included Principal Kathleen Windisch and teachers Linda Secondini, Nancy Smith, Maureen Welch, Karen Berg and Lois Barry.

We are extremely grateful for their many years of dedicated service and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

CENTRAL OFFICE

Support Services

The office of Business Management is responsible for most of the support services for the educational program and is also entrusted with managing the school budget finances and all of the property of the school district. The major support services include food service, maintenance and custodial services, data processing and transportation.

Cafeteria Services

This department is responsible for providing breakfast at the High School for approximately 250 students and staff, and lunch throughout the system for approximately 1,300 students and staff every day. Under the direction of Susan Lacy, Cafeteria Services Director, 26 employees operate a full-service cafeteria at the High School, partial-service cafeterias (some cooking) at the Middle School, Central School, South School Robin Hood School, and Colonial Park School.

Cafeteria Services is operated as a revolving fund entity. Revenues generated by sales to students and staff are expected to cover all expenses, including equipment replacement. This program has, for the past fifteen years, operated fully from its own revenue. However, as our equipment ages, we are faced with more replacement needs. Our challenge is to maintain our level of service in the face of increasing expenses and still keep our prices reasonable. The 2004-2005 school year cost for a Type A lunch is \$2.00.

Transportation

The regular daily transportation program has been eliminated effective at the end of the 2003-2004 School Year.

Systemwide Data Processing

The Data Processing Coordinator manages student data reporting to the Massachusetts D.O.E., maintains the database using Oracle tools and SQL, maintains user accounts and client software, is responsible for backing up the database, trains and supports the database users and creates customized queries and reports using SQL and Microsoft Access software.

The Data Processing Coordinator is responsible for maintaining a database used to store and report data pertaining to the scheduling of classes, grade reporting, transcripts and academic history, attendance, discipline and demographics.

Special Services 2005 Annual Report

Special Services focuses all efforts on maintaining a safe environment for all students, staff and visitors. The goal of Special Services is to address any concerns as soon as they arise so that they do not escalate into problems.

Goals for the current year include: Set-up a new online work order system to track cost and completion of work orders, a computerized preventive maintenance system to schedule maintenance of equipment to keep it operating efficiently. Continue phase 3 of a 5 phase roofing program by re-roofing bad sections of the High School roof, repair of High School bleacher decking. To find more efficient ways to clean our Schools with reduced staff.

Some completed projects of Special Services are: Installed an upgraded electronic time clock system for payroll, Installed new ceiling and lighting in the Kitchen at the Middle School to meet current codes, Complete phase 2 of a 5 phase roofing program by re-roofing of the Middle School Auditorium, Cafeteria, Main Office and Kitchen areas of the building. Installed a new more efficient #1 boiler at the Middle School. Re-roofed the rear classroom section of the High School. Worked with N-Star to install better and more energy efficient lighting at the Middle and High Schools, as well as ongoing day-to-day repairs and maintenance.

Hired three temporary Building Custodians to fill three vacancies. Despite staffing shortages, Special Services Department has continued to work extremely hard to maintain all buildings and grounds. Special Services will continue to effectively maintain all school building and grounds and provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Our mission last year as it will be again this year; "To provide and maintain a healthy, safe and secure environment that is conducive to teaching and learning"

CENTRAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The past year provided the Central School community with several challenges. Safety concerns about traffic patterns and parking at morning drop-off and during afternoon pick-up resulted in modifications and adjustments that continue to be monitored through to the present. The school had a change in leadership with the retirement of Mrs. Windisch. There was a significant reduction of staff in the Title 1 program. Previous reductions in staff along with expectations for continual improvement resulted in the school having to do more with less. In spite of these challenges, the school community remained strong and committed to excellence. Total enrollment in January 2005 was approximately 386 students in Kindergarten through grade five, a slight decrease from January 2004.

Central School has traditionally incorporated three classroom models based upon student program needs. We serviced some of our special needs students in grades three, four and five with full inclusion classrooms in which a certified special education teacher was paired with a regular education classroom teacher in order to provide groups of students with necessary instructional support. Grades three and four also had integrated classrooms, in which some students with a special education Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) were included for instruction with regular education students whenever appropriate during the school day. The remaining classrooms were general education settings. A number of students at every grade level (K - 5) were provided with special education services under an IEP from speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, adaptive physical education, and special education teachers. Supplemental Title 1 services were provided for students in grades K – 2 in reading and grade 3 in math, until the service was reduced in September, allowing service to only grades 1 and 2 in reading thereafter. Guidance services were available to students and families from the school adjustment counselor and the school psychologist. The regular education and special education professionals, the school nurse, and the school office personnel at Central School provided the coordinated services necessary for every child to be successful in the school environment.

Central School's vision for the past school year was guided by the goals stated in our School Improvement Plan for 2005 - 2006. This plan was developed and implemented with contributions from our entire school community; including faculty, staff, administrators, parents and students. Our focus in 2005 was:

- **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:** As demonstrated in our students' report cards and projects our grade three standardized Reading test scores, and our grades three, four and five MCAS standardized test results, Central School students reached the academic benchmarks determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Test scores are analyzed on both an individual and collective basis in order to help improve instruction.
- **TECHNOLOGY:** Computer classes enabled our students to create and design bookmarks, book plates, book report projects, power point presentations, research reports and much more. In the classroom, multimedia presentation stations have been utilized by the faculty as additional teaching tools. This technology has been integrated into the classroom instruction in order to address the learning styles of our students.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Teachers at Central School continued to refine and improve their skills through graduate level coursework and attendance at meetings, conferences, and seminars. Topics addressed in this work included guided reading, differentiated instruction, the autism spectrum, skillful teaching strategies, writing and mathematics. Staff members received hours of mandated training in areas relating to the safety and well-being of the students in their care.

- **SCHOOL SAFETY:** Our foremost priority at Central School continued to be the safety and well-being of our students and staff. The school funded crossing guard in the parking/driveway area between Central School and Stoneham Middle School helped ease, somewhat, the traffic flow problems. Safety, traffic, and parking concerns have persisted. Procedures were monitored and modified as needed.
- **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Central School's PTO works tirelessly on behalf of the school. Through their efforts and fundraising, the PTO has provided school assembly programs such as the New England Percussion Ensemble, CBS 4 Meteorologist Barry Burbank, and the Museum of Science Star Lab. The PTO also funded field trips to the Stone Zoo, Boston's Duck Tours, and the Lowell Mills. Each grade level has a PTO sponsored, special night with age appropriate games or storytellers. Halloween was celebrated at Central School and an opportunity for gift shopping was offered to students at the Snowflake Fair. Parents volunteered their time, effort and creativity in our library, computer lab, and lunchroom and in every classroom. Central School is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents to help enrich the school experience for all students.
- Central School and the Stoneham Bank have an established a school and business partnership to benefit our students. Stoneham Bank funded the After School Homework Club that provided teacher assistance to students in need of extra help with homework. The employees of Stoneham Bank also volunteer their time to participate in a Read Aloud program. We appreciate the support provided by Stoneham Bank.

During the past school year, the Central School faculty and staff continued to focus on the steady improvement of our students' literacy skills including listening, speaking and written communication skills. The primary grades received funds to establish a literacy closet at Central School. This resource housed multiple copies of leveled reading materials to help facilitate guided reading instruction.

Central School is fortunate to have a dedicated, hard-working staff, enthusiastic and supportive parents, an invested community partnership, and students who come to school ready, willing and able to learn.

COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

In 2005, Colonial Park School reflected the school building project goal by becoming a true community school. During the day, approximately three hundred students from Preschool through Fifth grade utilized the facility to learn and grow as students and citizens of Stoneham. Music and Art rooms, Library/Media and computer labs, cafeteria and gym space as well as thirteen classrooms were alive with activity as teachers and students expanded the opportunities for learning that were now available in the new school. The stage area, which opens to both the cafeteria and the gym, became the site for school plays, book fairs, holiday programs, and enrichment activities. After school, the building houses a busy After School Program, Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs, staff development projects, and curriculum support meetings. In the evening, parents meet to develop plans for PTO projects, Curriculum nights presented topics such as Bullying, students and parent leaders explored the problems presented in a new Odyssey of the Mind program, and the gym is constantly in use by youth groups from basketball to cheerleading. All members of the Colonial Park School community are proud of the state of the art facility which is an important resource for the neighborhood and the town.

During the year, teachers and students at Colonial Park continued to develop their computer and media skills for use in the classroom. Kindergarten registration became a multi media presentation for new parents. Typing and research skills on the computer became part of the elementary curriculum. Staff began to seek out new programs that provided teaching tools for students. The school nurse worked with students to develop and produce videos describing health topics such as Scoliosis Screening. A Colonial Park School web site, linked to the Stoneham Schools site, was introduced and became a communication link for parents, and staff.

An important school initiative during 2005 was the beginning of a Bullying Program. Students were introduced to the program through the use of a magician who astounded their eyes with magic tricks while he identified and discussed the topics of respect, cooperation, and teamwork. All staff members attended a workshop designed to help them identify and address signs of bullying at school. At a faculty meeting, the staff then developed a Bullying Protocol. Teachers at each grade level met with students to identify bullying behaviors that were then posted in each classroom. Parents were invited to attend a hands-on workshop presented by staff explaining the program and defining bullying in a school environment.

This year, the Colonial Park School Council, which consists of parents, teachers, community volunteers and the building principal identified the need to develop building policies regarding the school Crisis Plan. Teachers viewed a program developed by the North Carolina Department of Education, and they drafted evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency. These new plans were then reviewed and approved by the school council and presented by the administration and a representative of the Stoneham Police Department to the parents at a PTO meeting.

At Colonial Park School, parents and community volunteers share the responsibility for educating students. The PTO supports and funds field trips and enrichment programs such as Tribal Rhythms, Helen Keller, Jellyfish, and N-Star.

This year, the parents funded an eight week Artist in Residence program through Kidstock. The goal of the program is to help students to develop the skills of self expression, both verbal and non verbal, to expand on literacy through the use of reading and creative writing, to explore cooperative thought and problem solving methods through improvisational drama exercises, and to foster a respect of individual differences with conflict resolution based scenes.

Fifth grade students demonstrated what they learned as they presented the Nutcracker to students and staff in December.

The PTO continues to support the Outdoor Classroom by providing professional development for staff and interested parents and community members through the Audubon Society. Families continue to enjoy Pizza Night, Bingo Night, and the annual Holiday Breakfast. Parents provide additional assistance in the classrooms, library, and computer room. Committees form to develop special projects such as Read A Thons, fifth grade activities, and community service projects. This year, students provided holiday gifts for Casa Myrna, thirteen Thanksgiving baskets for needy Stoneham families, donated to the Leukemia Foundation through the Pennies for Patients program, and students raised over \$1,200.00 for victims of the Tsunami disaster. Reaching out to the community the school chorus also visited and performed for the residents at Bear Hill Nursing Home during the holiday season.

At Colonial Park School students are encouraged to strive for excellence. A spring Writing Festival showcases student writing from Preschool through grade five. Students wrote and presented original poems at the annual Memorial Day Program. Students were honored by the State Treasurer's Office for essays. Students at all levels continue to do well on MCAS tests. Adequate Yearly Progress goals, as reported by the Department of Education, have been met. The administration and staff continue to provide support and strategies to help students do their best in all testing situations.

Colonial Park School provides a safe, supportive, learning environment for students and their families. A dedicated staff offers excellent classroom instruction with opportunities for all students to meet their potential. Students are expected to use their critical and creative thinking to master skills, develop problem solving strategies, and learn to work with others to meet the needs of the community.

ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The Robin Hood School Community continues to utilize, appreciate, and enjoy our new school. We have implemented a "Respect" initiative, which focuses on respecting the building as well as one another. Students and staff take pride in their school. Our custodians are to be commended for keeping Robin Hood School looking great!

Our school staff is made up of a group of very dedicated and hard-working people. Some significant changes have occurred this year. Mrs. Lois Barry retired after 46 years in the Stoneham Public Schools. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Maryellen Driscoll took a year's leave of absence to take on an administrative position in another district. New staff this year includes Mr. Eberly teaching grade four, Ms. Pustorino and Mrs. Barbera as resource room teachers, Mrs. Twomey and Mrs. Crowell as speech and language therapists, Mrs. Pope as the teacher of our hearing impaired students, Mrs. Santoro joined us 3 days a week as a Title One Reading Teacher, and Mrs. Reidister as our English Language Learners tutor. They have all made significant contributions to the Robin Hood School population and we warmly welcome them.

Total enrollment is now 343 students. We continue to house three special education integrated programs at the primary level, a program for hearing impaired students, and seventeen K-5 classes. Average class size is 22 students. In addition to the academic curriculum at each grade level, students participate in music or art, physical education, library, and computer lab. Students in grades 4-5 also receive Italian class bi-weekly, which is funded through a grant.

Parental involvement is strong at Robin Hood. Many parent volunteers assist in the building throughout the school day. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has funded several field trips and has sponsored several enrichment programs at the school. These include studying fossils, electricity, insects, owls, mapping, writer in residence, and theatre. Our PTO also sponsored several student/family activity nights, including Back to School Picnic, Halloween Party, Munch With Santa, and a Bingo Night. We sincerely appreciate the hard work of all our parents, their fundraising efforts, and their strong commitment to public education in Stoneham.

Our School Council has also worked tirelessly on behalf of our school. Monthly meetings were held to implement and develop our School improvement plan. An Information forum for parents was conducted on MCAS results and how to help your child succeed. The school council developed a comprehensive school improvement plan which is currently being implemented. Our mission continues to develop students who:

- are creative, critical, and independent thinkers
- have respect and tolerance for self and others
- know and apply communication and computation skills
- are healthy and responsible contributors to society

Professional development continues to be an important issue to the staff at Robin Hood School. In addition to working towards their own recertification, staff has participated in numerous courses, workshops, and conferences throughout the year. Robin Hood teachers have enthusiastically participated in our system-wide Early Literacy Initiative and have worked diligently preparing our students for statewide assessments. The staff is to be commended for holding high standards for all students and helping each and every student achieve.

SOUTH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Despite our town-wide budget crisis and serious cuts to our programs, South School continues to focus on key elements of educating youngsters in meaningful ways. Each element is an example of how Stoneham as a district and South in particular, works with our parents and community to meet the needs of our children and their families.

Our tuition based Full Day Kindergarten Program continues to be a success. This year we have 16 children enrolled for a full week schedule, with Music, Art, Library and P.E. The longer day has provided children with greater opportunities for more in depth activities and better coverage of the curriculum. Our After-School Childcare Program at South continues to do well. This program has provided kids a great place to finish their homework, play games, and do fun activities.

Our Stop & Shop Homework Help Program completed its second year. Our business partner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, was able to fully fund our Homework Help Program this year with a very generous donation of \$4320. This program, a major goal of our School Improvement Plan, serves to lengthen the school day for a number of our students, and give them help on their homework. More students are able to complete their homework and are doing better with their grades as well.

This year we have scheduled class trips to Stop & Shop, and have invited employees to come and read to our students and take part in our Junior Achievement Program. Stop & Shop was kind enough, through a promotion with Poland Spring Water, to donate \$483.50 to South School this year in addition to their annual funding of our Homework Help Program. With the continued help of our School Site Council, we will be looking for ways to bring South and Stop & Shop closer together. We are looking forward to a long and beneficial relationship.

Our PTO Mini Grants Program continues to attract attention. This program seeks to encourage teachers and staff to plan for events and activities that go “above and beyond” the normal school curriculum and school day. This year we continued to have our Third and Fifth Grade Math Nights that have been so popular. We also had our Author’s Night in May, and we funded an effort by our third and fourth grade teachers to plant flower beds on school grounds this past spring.

Staff continued to seek professional development opportunities in the areas of writing, conflict resolution training, technology, MCAS, Mathematics, and Early Literacy, as part of our district wide initiative. Our district and our staff continue to do pioneering work in the area of phonemic awareness, utilizing the DIBELS assessment in grades K-2. Open Circle training in grades 4-5 is in the process of being scheduled, and the entire staff participated in training around a new Science initiative, Galaxy Science.

Our PTO and School Site Council continue to be tremendously positive forces that contribute to the overall climate of South. We offered a full range of school wide activities, such as Holiday Breakfast, Halloween Party, Back-to-School Picnic, and Bingo and Pasta Nights. Our Community Outreach effort expanded this year to include a tremendously successful Thanksgiving food drive and “Giving Tree”, which provided local families with toys and clothing for their children. Our PTO consistently provides students with enrichment opportunities through in school visits and performances, as well as educationally sound field trips. The school also continued to offer a full Junior Achievement curriculum, in conjunction with our PTO.

Some headway was made this year in our effort to curb vandalism and maintain a safe dismissal at South School. We have begun to work in concert with our Community Police Officer, Tom Day, who is also a parent here at South, and with another parent, Dan O’Neill, who is a surveillance professional. By working together, we have identified ways to better address the issue of vandalism at South, and it seems to be working. A letter was drafted this spring and was sent to all the homes that have a view of South School, asking residents to contact police if they notice activity after dusk on the grounds. This has led to a greater presence on the part of the local police. The result is that during the entire spring and early summer, we had no incidents of vandalism for the first time since the school opened in 2000.

This year also saw the start of our Walk and Be Safe Program, where for selected weeks during the spring, children either walked or carpooled to and from South School to earn credits towards a free pizza from our sponsor, My Brother’s Place here in Stoneham. This program helped to reduce the number of vehicles on school grounds during arrival and dismissal times, thus increasing safety for all.

South School continues in its mission to educate its children in the most complete ways possible. Staff and parents consistently work together to reach our

goals. We are fortunate to have so many of these special opportunities to enrich and support the academic and social lives of our children. We will look for ways to continue to do so.

STONEHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Stoneham Middle School is made up of grades 6, 7, and 8. As of October 2005, the student population of 660 breaks down as follows: 207 students in grade six, 217 students in grade seven, and 236 students in grade eight. The new six-period schedule at the middle school engages students in more than 900 hours of time-on-learning. Core academic offerings include: English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. In addition, students participate in physical education, art, music, world languages (French, Spanish, or Italian), reading/study skills, and math enrichment.

In the spring of 2005 students participated in MCAS testing in the areas of English Language Arts, math, and science & technology. Successfully preparing students for MCAS is an on-going commitment throughout the academic year. This is realized through the combined efforts of administration, program supervisors, and faculty who ensure that the curriculum and lessons for their subject areas fully encompass the Massachusetts State Frameworks. Parents, too, play a vital role in student achievement: It is with their continued support that the middle school students and staff consistently strive to make “adequate yearly progress” on MCAS testing.

In light of the unique needs of the middle level student and in keeping with our mission to educate each student intellectually, socially, and emotionally, the middle school strives to create a structure of opportunities for learning that nourishes the strengths of each student. Due to the recent budget cuts that forced the elimination of teams, as well as the elimination of the many exploratory subjects previously offered, the middle school confronts these challenges with the assistance of its parents and the community to foster and sustain a broad-based educational experience for all students.

Stoneham Middle School's Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) actively works with community businesses and organizations such as CPASP (Community Partnership for After School Programs), Ira Nissan, the Community Policing Unit, and the Stoneham Bank to restore and maintain extra-curricular programs for its students. As a result of the help of these sponsors, students at the middle school have the opportunity to participate in Math League, Media Club, Student Council, Homework Club, and Great Books. In addition, through its fundraising efforts, the PTO Enrichment Committee provides in-school enrichment programs that serve

to enhance curriculum objectives beyond the classroom. For example, students experienced "Poetry in Motion" with David Zucker, "Pyramids and Pharaohs", and "Chariots in the Sun". The program "It's My Life", also sponsored by the PTO, is a multi-media presentation that was viewed in January to help to reinforce our Middle School Core Values:

- Respect for ourselves, for others, and for our community
- Accept responsibility for our learning and for our behavior
- Be creative problem-solvers and competent decision-makers

Through the efforts of the school nurse Traci Mello and parent Karen Kelly, Stoneham Middle School was awarded a grant entitled "Jump Up & Go". This program to be implemented school-wide in the fall of 2005 is a school-based physical activity and nutrition program developed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Community Benefits Program to promote healthy habits of mind and body. This three-year grant requires the implementation of an interdisciplinary curriculum called "Planet Health." It includes not only physical education, but also the major disciplines of math, science, social studies, and language arts. Also, a before- and/or after-school program will be initiated to provide physical activities, hands-on nutrition education, as well as other related activities to the middle school community.

The middle school boasts a community of involved learners, parents, and staff who respond unselfishly to the needs of others. This was evidenced by the unyielding response of our school community to the Hurricane Katrina victims in the Gulf Coast, to our troops abroad and to local families in need. Our students are becoming aware of their civic duties and to be good citizens so that each can help shape, rather than be shaped, by the world around them.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT – 2005

INTRODUCTION

Stoneham High School's October 1, 2005 enrollment was 911 in grades 9-12. This is a student increase of 24 over 2004. For the 2005 - 2006 school year, Stoneham High School welcomed Nancy Dapkiewicz to the Art department; Nicole Dillon to the Guidance Department; Lena Higginsen to the Mathematics department; Laurie Dunigan, Neal Sandler and John Wrobel to the Occupational Education department; Elisa D'Amore and Diane McCarthy to the Science Department; Jeff Hechenbleikner and Noel Tashjian to the Special Education department; and Andrea Tringali and Pam Vasile to the World Language department. Due to budget constraints, Stoneham High School continues to experience increased class size. For the current school year, there are more than 50 individual classes with an

enrollment of 30+ students. In addition, the activity fee for athletics was increased to \$250 per student per sport.

98% of the Class of 2005 met the MCAS graduation requirements for graduation. The Class of 2006 has maintained this high record of achievement and a 100% benchmark is also within sight for them.

Specific departmental reports outline other projects and achievements at Stoneham High School during 2005.

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Brenda Tutko, Business Education Teacher, worked with the Chamber of Commerce and Sharon Iovanni running the Job Fair, held here at the High School.

John Wrobel was hired as the new Automotive Technology teacher at the High School and Laurie Dunnigan has taken over as the Culinary Arts teacher.

Cookies on the GO (sold to the high school students) and Catch-A-Cookie sold to elementary and middle school students and each class raised over \$1000 to purchase gifts for less fortunate children and families during the holiday season.

Fifty students, from Deborah Deacon's Marketing classes, qualified and competed in the district DECA competition held last January. Twelve students then qualified for the state competition. All received competency and two students placed in the top ten in the state in their category.

Curriculum changes are being implemented in all areas of Business Education, Technology and Family & Consumer Sciences in conjunction with the Frameworks.

ENGLISH

Ninety-seven percent of the students passed the 10th grade English MCAS. Eighty percent performed at an advanced or proficient level. The State rated Stoneham's performance in Language Arts as High with our improvement rating Above Target.

Eighteen students took the Advanced Placement test in English. Nine received the highest two scores of 4-Well Qualified or 5- Extremely Well Qualified.

Professional development experiences for secondary teachers included training sessions in the use of the Prentice Hall Literature series, Advanced Placement

Teaching Institutes, What's New in Young Adult Literature, and workshops focusing on the implementation of the 6 Trait Writing Program. Four staff members are involved in graduate programs for Masters in Education degrees. Their studies include exploration of multi-ethnic literature, and teaching strategies for the English Language Learner.

MATHEMATICS

Ninety-six percent of the students passed the 2005 MCAS math test for grade 10 and the average scaled score was 251.

Eighteen students took the Calculus AB Advanced Placement test. Eight students scored passing marks on the test.

Ross Pustell was the top scorer at Stoneham High School on the American High School Math Competition.

The members of the mathematics department are directing professional development towards improving MCAS test scores and using technology in the classroom.

SCIENCE

New textbooks were purchased for Physics. These replace texts with a copyright of 1991.

The middle school science teacher lost two years ago is still vacant, class sizes are larger as a result and three of our science staff now teach two grade levels.

The Biology field trip to the marsh was again a great success.

The MWRA visited all Biology classes again this year and culminates with a field trip to Dear Island.

The middle school science staff continues to review MCAS questions and revise curriculum to prepare our student for the MCAS exam. However, with the loss of the technology program at the middle school, scores on the science and technology MCAS will probably drop over the coming years.

Science staff at the high school continues to prepare reports for the NEASC accreditation visit in 2006.

Through a grant for the middle school, our science teachers are involved in the "Jump Up and Go" Program that teaches middle school students about health and nutrition issues.

We are updating our textbooks in Anatomy and Physiology this year. This replaces texts with a copyright of 1995.

Our Physics and Chemistry instructors are involved in a Science and Engineering program on Saturday morning at U. Mass. Amherst.

Our middle school science staff has attended workshops on ESL, and Inclusion.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During the past year, teachers in grades six through eleven continued developing lesson aligned with the Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework document.

High School United States History Teachers began working with the new United States History textbook, *America: Pathways to the Present* published by Prentice Hall.

Professional Development experiences for secondary social studies teachers included coursework and workshops offered through: Research for Better Teaching, The Massachusetts Economic Council, Primary Source, Massachusetts Historical Society, Facing History and Ourselves, The Kennedy Library and many local state and private colleges.

Thirty students took the United States History AP exam and seventeen earned a score of 3 or better.

HIGH SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT

7 students took the Advanced Placement test in Spanish and all 7 received a 3 or better. Three received a 4, and four received a 3.

6 students took the French AP exam and one student received a 5, one student received a 4, two students received a 3, and two students received a 2.

1 student took the German Language AP and received a 5.

56 students took the National Latin Exam and 36 received awards:

LATIN 1

Gold	6
Silver	14
Magna cum laude	5
Cum laude	11

The World Language Department celebrated World Language Week with different ethnic foods, dance, music, and foreign language movies.

Paul Arena received his Initial License.

Jessica Bethel continued to take courses for her Master Degree including a course in Latin American and US Latino Literature and Peninsular Spanish Literature.

Deb Cronin returned to Trinity College in Texas to grade the essay portion of the Spanish AP exam. She also attended a BERG conference for active learning strategies and participated in bi-monthly meetings with other Foreign Language administrators in Eastern Massachusetts.

Krista Stevens took on on-line course through Gallaudet University, Introduction to Deaf Literature and last summer took a Spanish for educators course through the Northeast Consortium.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in developing the academic, civic and social skills necessary to be healthy, responsible contributors to society. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal, college and career counseling, and group testing. The Guidance Department also oversees a Peer Mediation program

Students in grade two were administered the Iowa Reading Test. Students in grade five were administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The results were consistent with scores in the last few years with students scoring above grade level in all areas.

Eleventh graders were offered career interest inventories and began the college exploration program through the Bridges/Choices program in the spring. All 11th graders planning to attend college were encouraged to take the PSAT test in October. The College Entrance Examination Board Test is given to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year. Of the 202 members of the Class of 2005, 159 (79%) took an SAT test. Stoneham Students scored higher than both the state and national average on the SAT.

The Massachusetts Board of Education mandated state tests (MCAS) were administered to students in grades 3 through 10. Grade 10 students showed an increase in the % of students scoring at the Advanced Level in both Language Arts (32/43) and Math (36/39).

IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS
2005 RESULTS

GRADE 2	VOCAB	COMP	WORD ANALYSIS	LISTENING	SPELLING
Test Date/Grade Level	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Actual G.E.	3.6	3.8	4.3	3.5	3.3
Difference	+.7	.9	+1.4	+.6	+.4

The Grade 2 students took the Iowa Reading test. They scored above grade level in all areas.

Grade 5	READING	LANG. SKILLS	MATH SKILLS	CORE
Test Date/Grade Level	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Actual G.E.	7.2	7.9	7.0	7.3
Difference	1.5	2.2	1.3	1.6

Grade 5	SOC. ST.	SCIENCE	SOURCE OF INFO	COMPOSITE
Test Date/Grade Level	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Actual G.E.	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.4
Difference	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.7

The grade 5 students took the full Iowa Test Battery. They scored at least one full year above grade level in all areas tested.

Students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 took the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests (MCAS) in Spring 2005. Grade 3 took a reading test. The results* were as follows:

	ENGLISH		MATH		SCIENCE & TECH	
	Stoneham	State	Stoneham	State	Stoneham	State
	Grade 4	Grade 4	Grade 4	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 5
Advanced	15%	10%	17%	14%	24%	16%
Proficient	43%	40%	27%	26%	42%	35%
Nds Imp.	35%	40%	46%	44%	26%	38%
Warning	5%	11%	8%	15%	8%	12%

	Grade7	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 6
Advanced	9%	10%	15%	17%
Proficient	62%	56%	30%	29%
Nds Imp.	24%	27%	37%	30%
Warning	5%	8%	17%	23%

	Grade 8	Grade 8	Grade 8	Grade 8
Advanced	10%	13%	1%	4%
Proficient	29%	26%	35%	29%
Nds Imp.	45%	30%	49%	41%
Warning	15%	31%	14%	26%

	Grade 10	Grade 10	Grade 10	Grade 10
Advanced	43%	22%	39%	34%
Proficient	35%	42%	39%	27%
Nds Imp.	17%	25%	16%	24%
Failing	2%	11%	4%	15%

*Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

READING

	STONEHAM GRADE 3	STATE GRADE 3
Proficient	65%	62%
Nds Imp.	31%	31%
Warning	3%	7%

The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken by 86% of Stoneham High School students in the class of 2005 were:

RANGE	VERBAL	MATHEMATICAL
750 -- 800	3%	3%
700 -- 749	1%	2%
650 -- 699	7%	9%
600 -- 649	11%	12%
550 -- 599	18%	14%
500 -- 549	23%	30%
450 -- 499	18%	13%
400 -- 449	14%	11%
350 -- 399	4%	3%
300 -- 349	-%	3%
250 -- 299	1%	1%
200 -- 249	-%	-%

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES – CLASS OF 2005

	STONEHAM	NATIONAL	MASSACHUSETTS
VERBAL	526	508	520
MATHEMATICS	533	520	527

The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team in placement of graduates. The follow-up of the members of the Class of 2005 indicated:

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES	66.0%
TWO-YEAR REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGES	20.0%
OTHER SCHOOLS	3.0%
SERVICE	<1.0%
EMPLOYED	9.0%
OTHER PLANS	2.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Pupil Personnel Services Department is charged with (1) evaluating and assessing referred children to determine if they meet the criteria for special education services, (2) providing special education services, (3) developing educational programs to meet students' needs and (4) re-evaluation and review of student progress. Special Education includes students who are hearing impaired, visually handicapped, physically handicapped, learning disabled, multi-handicapped, emotionally disturbed, and/or intellectually handicapped.

The Pupil Personnel Services Department adheres to state (Chapter 766) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with disabilities. Under these laws, schools are mandated to deliver the services required to assist children in receiving a "free, appropriate public education" in the "least restrictive environment". Students between the ages of three and twenty-two are eligible for services. The Massachusetts Department of Education has encouraged outreach to preschool children through early screening, beginning at age two and one-half.

The Pupil Personnel Services Department continues to support pre-referral measures through building-based Teacher Assistance Teams that allow for modifications and accommodations of students' educational programs. This is accomplished in conjunction with a variety of interdisciplinary and consultation models provided to classroom teachers by specialists. Special educators provide services within the classroom, thus reducing the need for labeling children, reducing the need to use a "pull-out" model, and moderating the number of referrals to special education.

Another model of service is provided through inclusion classrooms, where a regular and special education teacher co-teach. This allows children who might otherwise be placed in a more restrictive setting an opportunity to be with age-level peers. Our experience with this model demonstrates all (regular and special education) students benefit from the support provided by two skilled teachers as well as the diversity of the classroom. Special education students, in particular, learn more age-appropriate social and academic behaviors and exhibit an increased level of self-esteem. Teachers continually enhance each other's teaching style through a daily exchange of skills and knowledge. The provision of special services within the regular classroom setting also demonstrates the Special Education Department's commitment to the integration of all services to children through an interdisciplinary model. Such a model allows for specialists of speech and language, hearing, vision, physical and occupational therapies to work with classroom teachers and invest the classroom curriculum with services relevant to the child's specific needs within the academic context of the classroom throughout the entire school day. Consultation between specialists and classroom teachers allows special education goals and objectives to be integrated in a relevant manner.

State-wide, there continues to be an increase in the cost for students placed in out-of-district placements. Likewise, transportation costs continue to rise.

The Pupil Personnel Services Department also continues its membership with the SEEM and Merrimack Education Collaboratives, which provide the District the ability to share, in a more cost effective manner, programs and services to children who may otherwise be placed in more expensive and restrictive outside placements to meet their special education needs. The Stoneham Schools' participation in these Collaboratives allows the Pupil Personnel Services Department to take a proactive role on behalf of our special education students.

The Pupil Personnel Services Department continues to evaluate the needs of its special education students and uses this information to plan and implement programs that best meet the needs of all special education students.

The Stoneham Public Schools' October 1st count listed 542 students receiving special education services. Of these, 20 students were in Collaborative Programs, 18 students were in Day or Residential schools outside of Stoneham, 5 students were in other public schools, and 4 students were in parochial schools.

It should be noted that the District continues to have increases in the number of preschoolers (3 and 4 year olds) referred for Special Education. The increases we have seen are reflected in the October 1 count.

Physical Education and Athletics - 2005

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned and implemented to facilitate equal access to program offerings and facilities.

The Physical Education Department presently employs a total of 7.2 physical education teachers:

- 2.2 for the high school - 2 full-time
- 3.0 for the middle school - 2 full-time and 2 part-time .8 and .2
- 2.0 for the elementary schools - 2 full-time

Our physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities and teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

Postural screenings for students in grades 5 through 9 and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for all grade 9 students were effectively conducted. Also, an adaptive physical education program that serviced the special physical needs of some students continued with measurable success.

Our athletic program is made up of 22 varsity interscholastic sports, 12 sports for the girls' program and 10 sports for the boys' program. In addition, there are fall and winter cheerleading squads. In total there are 41 High School squads including Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity. In the winter of 2004-2005, girls' hockey team was started as a varsity sport. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives, which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2004-2005 school year, 838 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall - winter - spring). In our senior class of 201 students, 156 students played at least one sport in their careers at Stoneham High School, an impressive 86%.

2004 - 2005 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country and Boys' Soccer qualified for the state tournament.

Boys' Soccer won the Middlesex League, Division 3 North, Eastern Massachusetts and were crowned Division 3 State Champions

33 Student-athletes were selected to Middlesex League All-League teams for the year.

Michael DeSantis was named the Boston Globe Division 3 Player of the Year in Boys Soccer and his brother Mark was named a Boston Globe All-Scholastic in soccer as well.

Jeff Corbett was a state finalist in golf and was named a Boston Herald All-Scholastic.

Taylor See was named All Scholastic in Gymnastics.

2005 FALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country and Boys' Soccer qualified for the state tournament.

Boys' Soccer won the Division 2 North, Eastern Massachusetts and Division 2 State Championships.

11 Student-athletes were selected to Middlesex League All-League teams for the fall season.

Mark DeSantis was named the Boston Globe Division 2 Player of the Year in Boys Soccer

SAFETY – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:

Students were equipped well for personal safety

Our equipment received proper maintenance

Our trainers from Advantage provided excellent medical support to our students

Our school physician, Dr. Pifko, and the school nurses screened and cared for the physical health of our athletes

School maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games

A cell phone and walkie-talkie communication system are part of our emergency plan system to respond to athletic injuries and emergencies and facilitate appropriate care

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Stoneham Booster Club supported the Athletic Program through funding of awards and three banquets (fall, winter, spring)

A major fundraiser was run again by the Booster Club to support the athletic program at Stoneham High School

Student-athletes and parents fundraised over \$60,000 to bring back athletic teams and programs that were cut out of the FY2005 budget

The second Stoneham High School Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet was held to honor past athletes, coaches and the 1972-1973 Boys Basketball Team

ATHLETIC SUMMARY 2005

Sport	Year	Athlete	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	04-05	20				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	04-05	14	5	4		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	04-05	10	6	3		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV)	04-05	31	4	11	3	Katie Hart	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	04-05	49	1	10		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	04-05	12	3	5	1	Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	04-05	65	17	0	1	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	04-05	59	7	8	3	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming	04-05	24	2	6		Rourke/Yeager	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	04-05	28	1	7		Michelle Davison	Fall
Basketball (B) (V/JV/F)	04-05	41	6	12		Bill Killilea	Winter
Basketball (G) (V/JV/F)	04-05	37	6	12		Kevin Phelan	Winter
Cheerleading - Winter	04-05	16				Lisa Walsh	Winter
Gymnastics	04-05	14	3	3		Danielle Boyd	Winter
Ice Hockey (B) (V/JV)	04-05	41	4	11	3	Bill Seabury	Winter
Ice Hockey (G) (V)	04-05	17	0	16		Paul Hardy	Winter
Track - Winter (B)	04-05	56	5	4		Phil Riley	Winter
Track - Winter (G)	04-05	36	2	7		Kevin Norton	Winter
Baseball (V/JV/F)	04-05	44	8	10		Bill Seabury	Spring
Softball (V/JV/F)	04-05	35	9	9		Tom Johnson	Spring
Tennis (B)	04-05	12	5	13		Paul Atkinson	Spring
Tennis (G)	04-05	20	1	17		Jen Farabaugh	Spring
Track - Spring (B)	04-05	90	7	1	1	Phil Riley	Spring
Track - Spring (G)	04-05	67	5	2	2	Jerry Bailey	Spring
Total Participation		838					

Sport	Year	Athlete	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	05-06	16				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	05-06	15	7	2		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	05-06	11	4	5		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV/F)	05-06	26	0	18		Lauren Izzicupo	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	05-06	73	3	6		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	05-06	12	0	9		Brian Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	05-06	67	14	3	1	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	05-06	56	5	8	5	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming	05-06	31	2	6		Chris Collins	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	05-06	23	4	6		Michelle Davison	Fall

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The 2004-2005 school year has brought new challenges to School Technology Services. As we know, computer technology has changed our lives. Dependency on computers and connections for classroom management and instruction grows as educators explore technology use.

Stoneham Public Schools is fortunate to have up-to-date computers in all schools and is meeting the 5:1 computer to student ratio, set by the State Department of Education in all schools except the middle school, which is currently under study for improvements. Our elementary schools exceed State Department standards. The high school continues to add computers and now has three computer labs and a computer in every classroom.

K-12 Technology Services is made up of part-time technology assistants in each elementary school, one full time technology specialist at the high school, a system-wide technician, a secretary and technology supervisor. There is no on-site technical support at the middle school. Despite being understaffed, we continue to provide essential technical support to all staff. Our nineteen hour technology assistants in the elementary schools do a wonderful job of supporting teaching staff and keeping the computer labs working. The high school technology specialist keeps computers up and running and works with staff in one of the three computer labs there.

This past year was spent designing and building a fully operational fiber optic wide area network that connects all school buildings and some town buildings. There are approximately 900 computers online over this network which are maintained and updated for virus protection and software changes by one technician and a very skilled secretary.

Sometimes good comes out of something bad. Computers and webcams were able to help the victims of the tragic car accident at Central Elementary School. They were able to communicate, using audio and video over the internet with loved ones at home and with classmates, while recovering at local hospitals. I want to publicly thank those who helped in this unique use of technology, especially Stoneham resident Charles Ciano, who helped establish internet connections from local hospitals. In my twenty years of building and integrating technology in Stoneham Public Schools, I have never felt such an outpouring of goodness from those who offered their expertise and computer equipment to assist families in need. Stoneham is truly a supportive and caring community.

Training for classroom technology integration in Stoneham Public Schools is ongoing and needs to be increased as new uses for computers in classroom management and instruction become available. It is important to provide proper train-

ing with each piece of new software to insure effective use. Testing and reporting software for Special Education kept technology services busy all year. Unproven software and lack of a plan for training sped staff showed us the need for planning before activating new data base software.

Technology Services did have much success training some teachers in the area of video production. Selected teachers were trained to create instructional and informative video programs using Macintosh computers and Imovie editing software. The end results of a year of training are numerous videos related to instruction. Many of these videos have been played on Stoneham's education access cable channels.

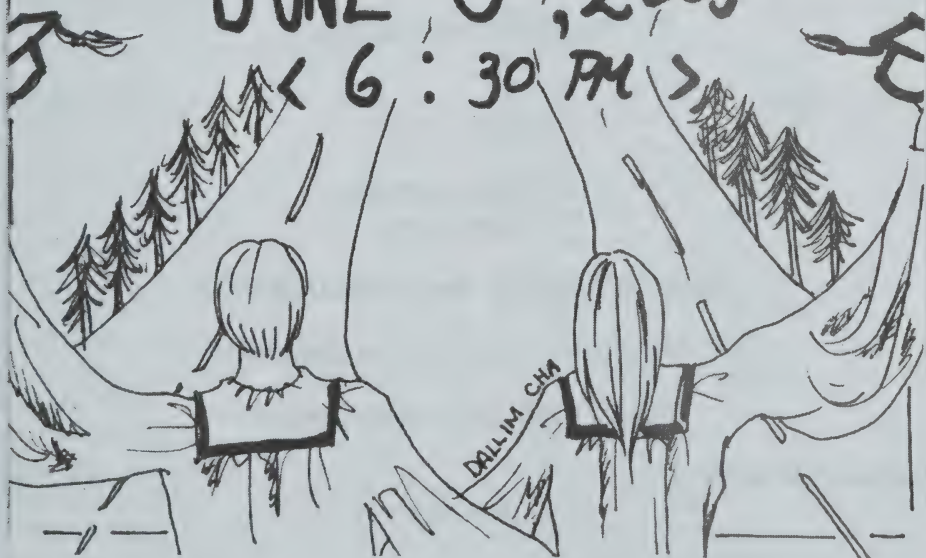
Using grant funds from our local cable companies, we are looking at some new state-of-the-art technology use in our schools. We will soon be providing streaming video lessons on demand to classrooms and homes. We are a small department with some big ideas for improving and integrating technology use in our schools.

STONEHAM High School..!



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PROGRAM

PRELUDE: Bunker Hill K.L. King
Selections from The Lion King..... John and Zimmer
American Tapestry arr. Vinson
A Russian Festival Dawson

THE CONCERT BAND Edmund Grammer, Conductor

Pomp and Circumstance Elgar/arr. Ployhar

THE CONCERT BAND
(The audience is asked to remain seated as the graduates enter the field.)

CLASS MARSHALS Jeanna McCarthy, Class of 2006 Bryan Miner, Class of 2006

National Anthem arr. John Higgins

THE SPARTAN CHORALE Robert Lague, Conductor

SPEECH OF WELCOME Mark Trant, President

Don't Stop..... Christine McVie

THE SPARTAN CHORALE

Away..... Jessica Jackson
Jessica Jackson

HONORS ADDRESS Joelle Kross

PRESENTATION OF MacDONALD MEDALS to Allison Landers and Jonathan Palazzolo by Patricia Nolan and Danielle Catalano

Rainbow Connection Paul Williams
Joelle Kross

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Joseph J. Connelly, Superintendent
Joseph Casey, Assistant Superintendent

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT

to
Marie Christie
Chairperson, School Committee
by Allison Landers
Vice President, Class of 2005

PRESENTATION OF WILLIAM M. NADEAU AND WENDELL W. HORTON MEMORIAL AWARDS

Thomas F. Ryan, Jr. Principal

AWARD OF DIPLOMAS

Cheryl Walsh, School Committee

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Graduates...Class of 2005

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David Evan Browning	Michael Colella
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John H. Buckley	**Kelly A. Conlon
*Gregory J. Burke	James Connelly
Nicholas Burke	Shannon T. Conroy
Rebecca Anne Burke	Michaela O'Grady Conserva
**Stephanie N. Burns	Cristina Denise Coppola
Stephanie Cacicio	**Jeffrey A. Corbett
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Jill Lorraine Canavan	*Angelica Rose Costin
Joseph M. Capuano	*Ashley Fiona Cunningham
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*Anne Bliss Catalano	Amanda J. Danilchuk
Jenna Lee Cataldo	Jessica L. Danzig
*Christina Noel Cerrato	Joelle Renee Dawson
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 *Michael DeSantis
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 Jacqueline R. Dufour
 Melanie D. Epolito
 **Glenn Peter Erickson
 *Cassandra Leigh Fecho
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 Nicole Carmella Fiore
 **Matthew T. Fitzpatrick
 **Randy D. Fixman
 Juan P. Flores
 Jonathan M. Fraser
 Mallory Joan Fucci
 **Susan Marie Gagnon
 *William Joseph Garofano
 Jennifer Ann Gay
 Ani Julia Geragosian
 **Jenna Lyons Gondelman
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 Adam Kelly
 **Laura Jane Kelly
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 **Kevin P. McMillan
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 Michael Anthony Muolo
 *Joseph Michael Murphy

*Nicole M. Needham
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 *Amanda Jill Pearlstein
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 **Christopher Daniel Sacco
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 **Erik Joseph Scola
 *William Christopher Scullin
 *Tiffany Marie Selke
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**Stoneham High School
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Dedicates its Graduation to the Memory of

Kelly Anne Conlon

October 31, 1986 – March 21, 2005

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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Residents of the Town of Stoneham:

This past year has been a year that has demonstrated how people in our office are made of, tenacity, strength and endurance.

In the year 2005, the Town Clerk's staff was never at full strength, but the remaining staffs' willingness to get the job done was absolutely first class with a tremendous amount of pressure on each individual. Normally, our office staff is made up of two full-time members, and two part-time members, (both of which total 34 hours).

2005 brought drastic changes to our office staff because of a number of events that took place. Part-time staff member Carol Callan, was involved in an horrific automobile accident, in December 2004. In June, after several months of rehabilitation; and much thought, Carol decided to resign her position to spend quality time with her husband Arthur. I want to thank Carol for all of her efforts and faithfulness she demonstrated for many years in our office.

In February, Carolyn Auriemma, joined our staff on a temporary part time basis. As events unfolded, Carolyn demonstrated a work ethic beyond expectation.

On May 11th, staff member, Maria Sagarino gave birth to a beautiful little boy named Matthew, this event was uplifting to my office which was definitely needed at that time. I was happy to have Maria return as a part-time staff member in September.

On May 12th, staff member Barbara Pollack's struggle with a horrible disease worsened and after six plus years of pain and suffering she was unable to return to work, she regrettably retired at the end of August. Barbara died on October 22nd. I cannot say enough about Barbara, throughout her illness, she always kept her poise, without a doubt, she was one of the best at what she did, she had the ability to relate to customers whether it be face to face or on the telephone, and none of us will ever forget her everlasting smile. She will be greatly missed especially by everyone in our office, as well as, everyone in the town hall. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Barbara's family.

Because of the above events that affected my office, Carolyn Auriemma, was asked to work full-time, along with part-time staff member, Mary Guarneri. Because of the efforts of these two women, our office was held together, albeit under a great amount of stress. I cannot express enough, the appreciation I feel for these staff members who reached down deep and found strength to deal with this adversity. In October, Carolyn was hired as a permanent part-time employee.

A special thank you to Mary Guarneri, without her support and knowledge of the office, this dramatic change would not have been accomplished.

I want to thank, Carol Carmichael, a clerk from the Conservation Department and Paulette Gerry, a clerk from the Board of Appeals, for their assistance during our time of need.

Because of the events in our office, and with the help of Town Administrator, Ron Florino, we were able to hire a temporary employee, by the name of Raychel Pappas. With Raychel's excellent abilities, such as, a self-starter, being a quick learner, with great communication skills, as well as, outstanding work habits, she brought strength to our office. I will never be able to thank her enough.

The number of cash transactions exceeded 6000 again in 2005. Of that number, my staff processed 1262 passport applications with revenues of \$37,860.00 or an increase of 35% from 2004. Since inception of this service in the year 2000, our office has generated a total of \$112,790.00 that is deposited into the town's general fund.

I would like to thank Stoneham resident, Peggy Brennan. Peggy is employed at Bentley College in Waltham working with the students on many programs at the college. She along with several students ran a "Passport Program Day" for the student body and invited the Stoneham Town Clerk's Office to participate by offering our passport service to all students. Our office made two trips to Bentley, one in the spring, and one in the fall; this enabled us to process a total of 166 passport applications that translates into \$4,980.00 in revenues for the Town of Stoneham. Because of the success of this program, we hope to continue this service in the future.

My office mailed approximately 9000 Annual Census forms in January. Several thousand changes were noted on these forms, and they were updated in our census database.

As I have stated in the past years in this report to the citizens of Stoneham, the words that most effectively describe the Town Clerk's Office are; Productive, Busy, but most of all great "Team Work". Good work ethics are always encouraged, and will remain at the forefront, as we work together as a "Team", while maintaining the integrity of the Office, and acting in the best interest of the Town.

Although, my staff has changed, we all are looking forward to serving the residents of Stoneham in 2006

Sincerely,

John J. Hanright
Town Clerk

2006 Town Clerk's Office Revenue Collected

Description	Number of Transactions	Total Amount Collected
Birth Certificate - Amended	3	90.00
Birth Certificate - Correction	2	60.00
Birth Certificate - Long Form	1430	14,300.00
Birth Certificate - Short Form	519	3,114.00
Burial Permits	100	1,000.00
Business Certificate	184	7,360.00
Business Certificate-Certified Copy	11	55.00
Business Certificate - Change	8	80.00
Business Certificate List	1	25.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$100	1	100.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$150	1	150.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$200	5	1,000.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$25	8	200.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$250	1	250.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$300	5	1,500.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$50	94	4,700.00
Bylaw Violation @ \$75	5	375.00
Certification Letter - BOA	27	270.00
Certification Letter - BOS	5	50.00
Certification Letter - PB	3	30.00
Copies of Documents @ \$.50	252	126.00
Death Certificates	905	9,050.00
Dog License	69	1,035.00
Dog License - Spayed/Neutered	614	6,140.00
Dog Late Fee @ \$5.00 after Apr 1st	8	40.00
Dog Late Fee @ \$1.00 per month	21	21.00
Copy of Dog List	3	75.00
Gasoline Storage Permits	19	1,425.00
Kennel License	5	125.00
Marriage Certificates	160	1,600.00
Marriage Intentions	110	3,300.00
Miscellaneous	24	240.00
Notary Swearing-In Fee @ \$15.00	20	300.00
Passport Fees Collected @ \$30.00	1262	37,860.00
Raffle Permits	8	80.00
Record - Power of Attorney	6	60.00
Search of Records	3	15.00
Street List - Current	31	775.00
Street List - Old	4	60.00
Town Code	2	150.00
Utilities	3	120.00

Description	Number of Transactions	Total Amount Collected
Voters List on Disc	1	100.00
Voter Registration Confirmation Card	15	75.00
Zoning Bylaws	28	980.00
Zoning Maps	8	64.00
TOTALS	6014	\$98,525.00

2005 - ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

APRIL 5, 2005

Candidate/Race

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Board of Selectmen								
Blanks	14	5	18	10	17	11	10	85
Jeanne E. Craigie	127	143	177	130	179	190	175	1121
George E. Seibold	229	180	289	193	300	170	224	1585
Write-in	0	4	1	1	2	1	2	11
Total	370	332	485	334	498	372	411	2802
								2802

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Board of HEALTH								
Blanks	21	15	46	11	26	31	23	173
Thomas E. Mayo	124	109	141	113	169	93	132	881
Traci A. Mello	225	208	298	210	303	247	256	1747
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	370	332	485	334	498	372	411	2802
								2802

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Board of Assessors								
Blanks	130	103	161	114	149	132	156	945
William J. Jordan	240	228	322	220	349	238	252	1849
Write-in	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	8
Total	370	332	485	334	498	372	411	2802
								2802

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Moderator								
Blanks	175	142	215	152	212	176	190	1262
Michael J. Rotondi	190	187	266	178	278	187	209	1495
Write-in	5	3	4	4	8	9	12	45
Total	370	332	485	334	498	372	411	2802
								2802

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
School Committee								
Blanks	127	95	152	103	165	111	117	870
Cheryl A. Walsh	160	155	198	156	264	159	191	1283
Stephen J. O'Neill	135	145	198	136	179	197	204	1194
Maureen M. Soley	239	198	338	219	279	208	212	1693
Matthew D. Whooley	79	71	83	53	109	68	98	561
Write-in	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Total	740	664	970	668	996	744	822	5604

5604

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Library Trustee								
Blanks	343	262	417	285	399	326	336	2368
Rocco Ciccarello	197	192	284	189	289	213	248	1612
Michael R. Rora	200	210	269	192	308	203	235	1617
Write-in	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	7
Total	740	664	970	668	996	744	822	5604

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	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Planning Board								
Blanks	149	110	179	115	152	134	161	1000
Stephen R. Catalano	220	222	306	218	346	238	245	1795
Write-in	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	7
Total	370	332	485	334	498	372	411	2802

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	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 7	Total
Housing Authority								
Blanks	137	104	163	112	160	137	165	978
Vincent L. Orsillo	232	228	322	221	337	234	242	1816
Write-in	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	8
Total	370	332	485	334	498	372	411	2802

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MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street**, on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.

One (1) Moderator for two (2) years.

Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years.

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the **Town Hall** at 7:30 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 2, 2005, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 201 voters were inside the meeting.

The invocation was given by Father Bill Schmidt. Stoneham resident Jessica Jackson sang the National Anthem. The Board of Selectmen offered their congratulations to the Stoneham High School Boys Varsity soccer team for winning the 2004 Division 3 State Championship. The soccer team then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 8:02 PM and the warrant was read.

***Article 3** was inadvertently taken out of order by the Moderator Michael Rotondi.

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted to hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Passes Unanimous**

Article 2.To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2.Voted to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Motion to amend made by John DeGeorge 148 Franklin Street as follows:
Move to delete the words: "in such a manner as the Town may determine"

**Motion to Amend
Amendment Fails
Main Motion
Passes Unanimous**

Article 4.To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted that the Town fix the salaries of several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2005/2006 fiscal year as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Board of Selectmen	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$56,773

Question is asked by David Sheils, 85 Collincote Street, pertaining to the Moderator's personnel line item. Michael Rotondi steps down as Moderator and Gus Niewenhaus is chosen by the Town Meeting body at this time to act as a Temporary Moderator for this article.

Motion to amend made by Robert Wellman, 8A West Street as follows:

Reduce Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors and Town Moderator salaries to zero.

Motion to Amend
Amendment Fails
Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Main Motion
Passes Per Moderator
Motion to Reconsider
Cannot Be Reconsidered

*Michael Rotondi returns as Moderator following the vote on Article 4.

Motion made by Selectman Cosmo Ciccarello to postpone Annual Town Meeting until after the Special Town Meeting .

Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM until after Special Town Meeting is dissolved.

Annual Town Meeting called to order again after Special Town Meeting dissolved at 8:50PM.

Article 5.To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, by deleting from the Educational District and adding to the Residence A zone a parcel of land known as Lot 152 of Assessors Map 8 described as follows:

Beginning at a point on easterly sideline of Emerald Court, so-called, a private way, said point being 253.00 feet from Franklin Street, the line runs by land now or

formerly of Joyce at #6 Emerald Court north 87-28-22 east, 49.50 feet and by land now or formerly of McDonald at #147 Franklin Street south 76-37-00 east, 100.00 feet; thence the line turns and runs south 24-48-12 west, 87.16 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs north 81-30-44 west, 133.50 feet, by land now or formerly of Swallow at #14 Emerald Court, to a point in the easterly sideline of the aforementioned Emerald Court; thence the line turns and runs along said easterly sideline north 15-13-04 east, 83.30 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 12,385 square feet, more or less.

All according to the “Plan of lot A#10 Emerald Court in Stoneham, Massachusetts” dated July 21, 2003 by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, and subject to the sewer easement as shown.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town amend the Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, by deleting from the Educational District and adding to the Residence A zone a parcel of land known as Lot 152 of Assessors Map 8 described as follows:

Beginning at a point on easterly sideline of Emerald Court, so-called, a private way, said point being 253.00 feet from Franklin Street, the line runs by land now or formerly of Joyce at #6 Emerald Court north 87-28-22 east, 49.50 feet and by land now or formerly of McDonald at #147 Franklin Street south 76-37-00 east, 100.00 feet; thence the line turns and runs south 24-48-12 west, 87.16 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs north 81-30-44 west, 133.50 feet, by land now or formerly of Swallow at #14 Emerald Court, to a point in the easterly sideline of the aforementioned Emerald Court; thence the line turns and runs along said easterly sideline north 15-13-04 east, 83.30 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 12,385 square feet, more or less.

All according to the “Plan of lot A#10 Emerald Court in Stoneham, Massachusetts” dated July 21, 2003 by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, and subject to the sewer easement as shown.

**Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Indefinite Postponement Fails
Main Motion-2/3 Vote Required
Hand Count
Yes No
90 34
Motion Passes
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Attorney General approved
May 12, 2005**

Article 6.To see if the Town will vote to grant a twenty and five tenths (20.5) foot wide access easement to Elizabeth LeBlanc, Trustee of the Lynn Shore Drive Trust over a portion of the Franklin Street Municipal Parking Lot where said lot abuts 9 Central Street and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents necessary and proper to grant said easement.

**Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive**

Article 6.Voted that the subject matter of article #6 be indefinitely postponed.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 7.To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the care,custody, management and control of a parcel of land taken by the Town for nonpayment of taxes from devisees of the estate of Edward M. Smith on March 6, 1961, less that portion of said land that is deemed necessary for road safety by the Town Engineer, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land. Said parcel contains 1,725 square feet of land and is shown on the Assessor's Map on sheet 15 as parcel 29.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive**

Article 7. Voted that the Town authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land taken by the Town for nonpayment of taxes from devisees of the estate of Edward M. Smith on March 6, 1961, less that portion of said land that is deemed necessary for road safety by the Town Engineer, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land. Said parcel contains 1,725 square feet of land and is shown on the Assessor's Map on sheet 15 as parcel 29.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 8.To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to discontinue and abandon the below referenced portion of Pebble Place, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, §21 and M.G.L. c. 40, §15, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to transfer and convey all of the Town's right, title and interest in and to said portion of Pebble Place, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §15, M.G.L. c. 40, §15A, and M.G.L. c. 40, §3, or do anything in relation thereto.

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Pebble Place, distance 74.99 feet from the northeasterly corner of Lot 11 and running:

Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 25.00 feet, a distance of 17.04 feet;

Thence N49-19-59W a distance of 6.04 feet;

Thence N62-56-05E a distance of 18.04 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel containing 34 square feet of land.

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 12 and running:

Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 25.00 feet, a distance of 12.14 feet;

Thence along a curve to the right, having a radius of 45.00 feet, a distance of 104.10 feet;

Thence N51-23-40W a distance of 9.51 feet;

Thence N58-34-47W a distance of 8.65 feet;

Thence N62-56-05E a distance of 95.78 feet;

Thence S49-19-59E a distance of 6.04 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel containing 3,008 square feet of land.

Said parcels are further shown on a plan of land entitled, "Plot Plan in Stoneham, Mass.", Scale 1 in. = 30ft., dated July 6, 2004, prepared by James R. Keenan, R.L.S.

**Arthur W. Kanavos et al
20 Pebble Place**

Article 8.Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to discontinue and abandon the below referenced portion of Pebble Place, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, §21 and M.G.L. c. 40, §15, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to transfer and convey all of the Town's right, title and interest in and to said portion of Pebble Place, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §15, M.G.L. c. 40, §15A, and M.G.L. c. 40, §3, or do anything in relation thereto.

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Pebble Place, distance 74.99 feet from the northeasterly corner of Lot 11 and running:

Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 25.00 feet, a distance of 17.04 feet;

Thence N49-19-59W a distance of 6.04 feet;

Thence N62-56-05E a distance of 18.04 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel containing 34 square feet of land.

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 12 and running:

Along a curve to the left, having a radius of 25.00 feet, a distance of 12.14 feet;

Thence along a curve to the right, having a radius of 45.00 feet, a distance of 104.10 feet;

Thence N51-23-40W a distance of 9.51 feet;

Thence N58-34-47W a distance of 8.65 feet;

Thence N62-56-05E a distance of 95.78 feet;

Thence S49-19-59E a distance of 6.04 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel containing 3,008 square feet of land.

Said parcels are further shown on a plan of land entitled, "Plot Plan in Stoneham, Mass.", Scale 1 in. = 30ft., dated July 6, 2004, prepared by James R. Keenan, R.L.S.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to amend the FY05 departmental budgets voted under Article 25 of the May 3, 2004 Annual Town Meeting as amended; said sum as itemized on "Exhibit A".

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. Voted that the Town transfer \$272,000 from available funds to amend the FY05 departmental budgets voted under Article 25 of the May 3, 2004 Annual Town Meeting as amended; said sum as itemized below:

Increase the following budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total
162	Elections & Registration	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
182	Comm. Dev./Planning Bd./BOA	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
212	Dispatchers	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
400	DPW	\$70,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$220,000.00
630	Unicorn Recreation		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
	Total Increases	\$87,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$272,000.00

Decrease the following budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total
132	Finance Board Reserve Fund		\$75,516.00	\$75,516.00
135	Town Accountant	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00
141	Assessors	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
155	MIS/GIS	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00
300	School Dept.		\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
919	Unclassified		\$68,984.00	\$68,984.00
	Total Decreases	\$52,500.00	\$219,500.00	\$272,000.00

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous**

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the use of up to \$750,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund as revenue to be applied to the Town's FY06 Budget.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. Voted that the Town use \$445,345 from the Town Stabilization Fund as revenue to be applied to the Town's FY06 Budget.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to improve the Fire Station Ventilation System; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) under chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to improve the Fire Station Ventilation System; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) under chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$25,573 to the budget of the Stoneham Public Library in order to meet the Minimum Appropriation Requirement standard mandated by the State of Massachusetts for Public Library Certification or do anything in relation thereto.

Library Board of Trustees

Article 12. Voted to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #12.

Article 13.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to fund related costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of approximately 24,000 square feet of Middle School and/or High School roof and to repair and/or replace a Middle School boiler at a cost not to exceed \$400,000, or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 13.Voted that the Town borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$400,000 to fund related costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of approximately 24,000 square feet of Middle School and/or High School roof and to repair and/or replace a Middle School boiler.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 14.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14.Voted that the Town raise and appropriate raise and appropriate from Estimated Water Receipts, \$300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town.

Motion to amend made by John DeGeorge, 148 Franklin Street as follows:
Change the dollar amount to: "\$150,000"

**Motion to Amend
Amendment Fails
Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 15.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 15.Voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Estimated Sewer Receipts, \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town.

Motion to amend made by John DeGeorge, 148 Franklin Street as follows:
Change the dollar amount to: "\$125,000"

**Motion to Amend
Amendment Fails
Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 16.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,000 for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery, including but not limited to, grounds maintenance, landscaping, equipment purchase and other improvements, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16.Voted that the Town transfer and appropriate from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Fund \$25,000 for the purpose of embellishing Lindenwood Cemetery, including but not limited to, grounds maintenance, landscaping, equipment purchase and other improvements.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 17.To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Director, not to exceed \$375,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2005 in the current Revolving Fund that was established under Chapter 44, Section 53D into this new Revolving account.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17.Voted that the Town establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the

costs of the Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Director, not to exceed \$275,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2005 in the current Revolving Fund that was established under Chapter 44, Section 53D into this new Revolving account.

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 18.To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through permit fees charged for field usage at Broadway Park, Recreation Park, Pomeworth Park, East School Field, Colonial School Field, Robin Hood Field, and the High School Field to pay the costs of maintaining these fields, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18.Voted to indefinitely postpone subject matter of Article #18.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 19.To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting office space at the Senior Center to pay the cleaning and maintenance costs of the Senior Center, and authorize expenditures by the Senior Center Director, not to exceed \$10,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. Voted that the Town establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting office space at the Senior Center to pay for the cleaning and maintenance costs of the Senior Center, and authorize expenditures by the Senior Center Director, not to exceed \$10,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 20.To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through the sale of compost and recycling bins and other recycling revenues to pay the cost of the Recycling Program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the DPW Director, not to exceed \$20,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 20.Voted to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #20.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 21. o see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through the issuance of tickets for parking and speeding violations to pay the salary and overtime cost of Police Department personnel and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Police Chief, not to exceed \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. Voted that the Town establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through the issuance of tickets for parking and speeding violations to pay the salary and overtime cost of Police Department personnel and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Police Chief, not to exceed \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2006 which may be made from such fund.

Majority Vote Required	
Fails Per Moderator	
Motion for Hand Count	
Hand Count Taken	
Yes	No
41	36
Article Passes	
Motion for Reconsideration	
Cannot Be Reconsidered	

Motion to Adjourn Annual Town Meeting until Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 7:30PM

Motion Fails

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as amended, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham", by adding the following:

Sec. 17. Budget process-Certified Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Upon receipt of Department of Revenue certification of the amount of the amount of Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from a given fiscal year budget, that is available for use, the total amount shall be immediately transferred to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street**

Article 22. Voted that the Town petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as amended, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham", by adding the following:

Sec. 17. Budget process-Certified Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Upon receipt of Department of Revenue certification of the amount of Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from a given fiscal year budget, that is available for use, the total amount shall be immediately transferred to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**Fails Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 23 Voted that the Town raise and appropriate from available funds, and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$54,642,954 to defray Town charges including debt and interest and a reserve fund for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; said sum as itemized on "Exhibit A-Spending".

Exhibit A- Spending

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET:	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	\$5,237	\$0	\$5,237
122 Board of Selectmen	\$76,490	\$14,447	\$90,937
123 Town Administrator	\$293,496	\$78,379	\$371,875
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$52,476	\$52,476
135 Town Accountant	\$197,403	\$3,050	\$200,453
141 Board of Assessors	\$153,010	\$11,300	\$164,310
145 Treasurer	\$252,011	\$31,005	\$283,016
151 Town Counsel	\$98,601	\$17,225	\$115,826
155 GIS/MIS	\$7,500	\$65,735	\$73,235
161 Town Clerk	\$146,623	\$5,845	\$152,468
162 Elections & Registrations	\$31,960	\$23,100	\$55,060
172 Whiphill Park	\$47,273	\$8,251	\$55,524
182 Planning Board/Board of Appeals	\$22,770	\$1,600	\$24,370
192 Town Hall Maintenance	\$29,954	\$78,112	\$108,066
210 Police Department	\$3,281,357	\$307,740	\$3,589,097
211 Traffic Directors	\$97,900	\$4,500	\$102,400
212 Dispatchers	\$316,513	\$5,020	\$321,533
220 Fire Department	\$2,650,244	\$141,658	\$2,791,902
241 Building & Wire	\$169,239	\$10,590	\$179,829
291 Civil Defense	\$24,404	\$5,050	\$29,454
300 Public Schools	\$0	\$21,835,000	\$21,835,000
399 NE Met Voc. School	\$0	\$401,000	\$401,000
400 Public Works Admin.	\$697,880	\$2,140,380	\$2,838,260
440 Sewer	\$566,235	\$3,327,236	\$3,893,471
450 Water	\$584,490	\$2,600,260	\$3,184,750
510 Board of Health	\$137,196	\$4,240	\$141,436
541 Council on Aging	\$120,010	\$35,796	\$155,806
543 Veterans	\$10,455	\$55,257	\$65,712
610 Public Library	\$584,313	\$157,740	\$742,053
630 Unicorn Recreation	\$426,152	\$536,162	\$962,314
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$0	\$5,066,808	\$5,066,808
910 Noncontributory Pension	\$61,768	\$0	\$61,768
911 Contributory Pension	\$0	\$3,770,912	\$3,770,912
919 Unclassified	\$0	\$2,721,367	\$2,721,367
920 Non-Departmental	\$0	\$35,229	\$35,229
	\$11,090,484	\$43,552,470	\$54,642,954

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:

Revenue of the Current Year	\$46,156,331
By transfer from the Board of Health Stockwell Fund	\$7,500
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Fund	\$28,000
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Reserve for Appropriations	\$40,000
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust Fund	\$10,000
By transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account	\$350,000
By transfer from the Stabilization Fund	\$445,345
By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:	
Department #450 Water	\$3,184,750
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$11,907
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$16,811
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$4,350
Department #911 Contributory Pensions	\$149,495
Department #919 Unclassified	\$21,035
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:	
Department #440 Sewer	\$3,893,471
Department #710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$97,679
Department #135 Town Accountant	\$14,934
Department #145 Town Treasurer	\$21,085
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	\$5,456
Department #911 Contributory Pensions	\$149,800
Department #919 Unclassified	\$35,005
	\$54,642,954

Motion to amend #1 made by Terri Ghannam 32 Green Street as follows:

Move to see if the Town will vote to amend Article 23. To see if the Town will authorize the withdrawal of an additional \$213,500 from the Stabilization account to put back the salaries of the following:

- 1 Recreation Dept Personnel
- 1 Aid at Robin Hood School
- 1 World Language at High School
- 1 Art Teacher
- 2 Kindergarten Aids
- 6 Title I Aids

Motion to amend #2 made by Matthew Whooley 41 Calthea Street as follows:

I would like to make an amendment to article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2, 2005 to take \$10,000 out of stabilization fund to be put in Dept 542 for salary.

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
2/3 Vote Required
Amendment #1
Amendment Fails
Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Amendment #2
Amendment Fails
Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion to Dissolve the Meeting
Meeting Dissolved at 12:05 AM**

John J. Hanright
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street**, on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on March 24, 2005 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street on Monday, May 2, 2005 at in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check names of the voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 201 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 8:42 PM.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a lease of up to three (3) years with up to two (2) additional option years (which option(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Town, through its Town Administrator) for the Stoneham Arena so as to allow a third-party to operate the Stoneham Arena as a lessee for uses which shall include those uses currently serving Stoneham residents and organizations.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 1. Voted to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #1.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to pay prior year invoices.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the Town transfer \$4,119 from the Fiscal Year 2005 Unclassified Operating Budget to pay prior year invoices.

**9/10 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Motion to Dissolve Special Town Meeting
Meeting Dissolved at 8:50PM

*Moderator took another vote for article #2 to be satisfied that the required 9/10ths vote

John J. Hanright, Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street**, on

Monday, October 24, 2005

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 206 voters were inside the meeting.

Moderator Michael Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk John Hanright read a memorial statement acknowledging former Selectmen Jack Mahoney, former veteran's agent Joseph DeSisto and longtime Town employee Barbara Pollack. This was followed by a moment of silence.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:41 PM and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, no longer needed for school or school related purposes, located between Stoneham High School main driveway and

Emerald Court, said property is a portion of parcel #152 on Sheet 8, between parcel 155 to the South and parcels 153 and 154 to the North containing approximately 13,500 square feet, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land, or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize the transfer of care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, no longer needed for school or school related purposes, located between Stoneham High School main driveway and Emerald Court, said property is a portion of parcel #152 on Assessor's Map 8, between parcel 155 to the South and parcels 153 and 154 to the North containing approximately 13,500 square feet, to the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator for the purpose of the sale of said land.

2/3 Vote Required	
Hand Count Taken	
Yes	No
84	76
Motion Fails	
Motion for Reconsideration	
Cannot Be Reconsidered	

* Moderator Michael Rotondi disclosed that if Article 2 were to be approved it could financially benefit extended family, but he knew of no benefit to his immediate family.

Article 2. To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to amend Section 6.7 SIGNS of the Town of Stoneham Zoning By-Laws by amending or adding the following sections:

Section 6.7.5 Prohibited Signs:

(b) Off-premise signs and billboards, except for non-commercial signs and signage permitted pursuant to Sections 6.7.6 (e) and 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.6 Permitted Signs:

(e) Off-Premise and Billboard Signs are permitted by Special Permit in the Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 Zoning Districts, subject to the procedures and requirements in Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8 Off-Premise and Billboard Sign – Procedures:

Section 6.7.8.1 Applications: Off-Premise and Billboard Signs shall be permitted in the Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 Zoning Districts only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Board of Selectmen. Any person desiring a Special Permit under this section shall submit a Special Permit application to the Board of Selectmen together with a filing fee of \$500.00 and ten (10) copies of the application materials as outlined below:

(a) Site Plan and area maps identifying the following features:

- i. Location of any existing buildings, parking spaces and traffic circulation pattern on the subject parcel;
- ii. Proximity of nearest residentially used and residentially zoned property utilizing current aerial photographs and Stoneham Assessors Maps;
- iii. Specific location of proposed Off-Premise or Billboard Sign; and,
- iv. Details of proposed buffer/landscaping area around signage including species and caliper of trees and/or shrubbery.

(b) Off-Premise or Billboard Sign details shall include the following information:

- i. Detailed dimensions and area of any proposed single or multi-faced sign;
- ii. Detail sheet of any proposed support structure specifying dimensions and construction type. Upon request by the Board of Selectmen or the Building Inspector, the Applicant shall provide a structural analysis of the support structure stamped by a licensed structural engineer; and,
- iii. Lighting proposal, including cut sheets of all proposed lighting fixtures to be either attached to the sign, structure or affixed to the ground

(c) Additional Requirements:

- i. Authorization from the property owner (i.e., lease, etc.) granting permission to install proposed signage;
- ii. Authorization, as necessary, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the Federal Government; and,
- iii. Any additional information as may be required by the Board of Selectmen to assist the Board in determining whether the application complies with the intent and requirements of this Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8.2 Dimensional Restrictions and Design Guidelines: All signage proposals shall be designed in compliance with the following requirements:

1. Signage shall be permitted in the Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 Zoning Districts only, provided, however, that said signage shall be located no further than 50' from any interstate layout;

2. Signage shall not have excessive lighting nor shall it have any mechanical or moving parts which would, in the opinion of the Board, have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists. This shall not preclude an applicant from proposing signage which allows for more than one advertisement to be displayed, such as a so-called "tri-vision" sign, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen;
3. Signage shall not create a visual impediment or impact to any abutting or adjacent residentially zoned or used property;
4. No portable signs shall be permitted. All signage must be permanently affixed to a main support structure;
5. There shall be no more than one Off-Premises or Billboard Sign permitted for every 1500 linear feet of Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 frontage which directly abuts an interstate layout. This calculation shall be based on the current Zoning Map and such calculation shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Board of Selectmen as part of the application materials;
6. An Off-Premises or Billboard sign may be double sided. An individual sign or sign face shall not exceed 672 square feet in total area and shall not exceed 14 feet in height x 48 feet in width.
7. An Off-Premises or Billboard sign may be mounted on a pedestal or other support structure which may not exceed 40 feet in height. The height of such structure shall be calculated from the base of the support structure or sign, whichever is affixed to the ground (exclusive of structural footings), to the highest point of the support structure;
8. Signage lighting or other illumination related to the proposed sign shall not project, glare or negatively impact abutting properties and shall not shine onto abutting roadways;
9. The Applicant shall provide a 10' wide landscaped buffer around the base of the support structure to minimize any visual impacts.

Section 6.7.8.3 Criteria for Approval: The Board of Selectmen shall not approve any applications for a Special Permit under Section 6.7.8 unless it finds that all of the following conditions are met or are incorporated into any Special Permit decision:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed sign and the design and layout complies with the standards set forth in these procedures and requirements;

2. The proposed sign will not adversely affect the abutting neighborhood or have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists;
3. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.2 "Certificate of Insurance";
4. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.3 "Location of sign; inclusion of permit number on sign";
5. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.5 "Maintenance; inspection";
6. All permits are subject to any necessary approvals and conditions issued by the State of Massachusetts or Federal Government; and,
7. The Board of Selectmen, in granting the special permit, shall attach such additional conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary.

Section 6.7.8.4 Sign Maintenance: If a sign permitted under Section 6.7.8 is abandoned or is in disrepair for a period of ninety (90) days, it shall be cause for its removal. The Building Inspector shall notify the owner and/or manager of the sign and property owner in writing, specifying a forty-five (45) day period to remove or repair said sign otherwise upon expiration of the forty-five (45) day period the sign permit shall be revoked. If the sign has not been removed or repaired within the time period to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector shall cause the sign to be removed forthwith. All expenses for the removal shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector.

If the Building Inspector determines that a sign is an immediate threat to public safety, irrespective of any stays granted to the sign and/or property owner, the Building Inspector may cause any sign, abandoned or not, and any portion of its support structure if deemed part of the public threat, to be immediately removed, and/or the threatened public area cordoned off. All expenses for protecting the public, including the removal of said sign or stabilization of the public safety threat, shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector. A sign which is not abandoned may be returned to its original position, but only after repairs have been made and the public safety threat abated, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

Section 6.7.8.5 Surety: The Applicant shall provide a financial surety to the Town which will cover the cost of the removal of any sign which is found to be abandoned or is in disrepair, as determined under Section 6.7.8.4. The Applicant shall deposit with the Town Accountant a surety in the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen at the time of the application. Upon removal of the sign by the Town (if required), any remaining funds shall be returned to the Applicant.

Commercial I, II & III							
Sign Type	Permit	Max. Sign	Max. Hgt.	Front	Side	Max.	Comment
Allowed	Required	Area	Ft.	Setback	Setback	Number	
Off-Premise & Billboard Signage	Y*	672 SF Per sign face-	40'	NA	NA	See Section 6.7.8	See Section additional restrictions and guidelines
	*Permitted by special permit	Not to exceed 14'x48' per sign face	support structure				

Or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the Town of Stoneham amend Section 6.7 SIGNS of the Town of Stoneham Zoning By-Laws by amending or adding the following sections:

Section 6.7.5 Prohibited Signs:

(b) Off-premise signs and billboards, except for non-commercial signs and signage permitted pursuant to Sections 6.7.6 (e) and 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.6 Permitted Signs:

(e) Off-Premise and Billboard Signs are permitted by Special Permit in the Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 Zoning Districts, subject to the procedures and requirements in Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8 Off-Premise and Billboard Sign – Procedures:

Section 6.7.8.1 Applications: Off-Premise and Billboard Signs shall be permitted in the Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 Zoning Districts only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Board of Selectmen. Any person desiring a Special Permit under this section shall submit a Special Permit application to the Board of Selectmen together with a filing fee of \$500.00 and ten (10) copies of the application materials as outlined below:

(a) Site Plan and area maps identifying the following features:

- i. Location of any existing buildings, parking spaces and traffic circulation pattern on the subject parcel;
- ii. Proximity of nearest residentially used and residentially zoned property utilizing current aerial photographs and Stoneham Assessors Maps;
- iii. Specific location of proposed Off-Premise or Billboard Sign; and,
- iv. Details of proposed buffer/landscaping area around signage including species and caliper of trees and/or shrubbery.

(b) Off-Premise or Billboard Sign details shall include the following information:

- i. Detailed dimensions and area of any proposed single or multi-faced sign;
- ii. Detail sheet of any proposed support structure specifying dimensions and construction type. Upon request by the Board of Selectmen or the Building Inspector, the Applicant shall provide a structural analysis of the support structure stamped by a licensed structural engineer; and,
- iii. Lighting proposal, including cut sheets of all proposed lighting fixtures to be either attached to the sign, structure or affixed to the ground;

(c) Additional Requirements:

- i. Authorization from the property owner (i.e., lease, etc.) granting permission to install proposed signage;
- ii. Authorization, as necessary, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or the Federal Government; and,
- iii. Any additional information as may be required by the Board of Selectmen to assist the Board in determining whether the application complies with the intent and requirements of this Section 6.7.8.

Section 6.7.8.2 Dimensional Restrictions and Design Guidelines: All signage proposals shall be designed in compliance with the following requirements:

1. Signage shall be permitted in the Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 Zoning Districts only, provided, however, that said signage shall be located no further than 50' from any interstate layout;

2. Signage shall not have excessive lighting nor shall it have any mechanical or moving parts which would, in the opinion of the Board, have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists. This shall not preclude an applicant from proposing signage which allows for more than one advertisement to be displayed, such as a so-called "tri-vision" sign, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen;
3. Signage shall not create a visual impediment or impact to any abutting or adjacent residentially zoned or used property;
4. No portable signs shall be permitted. All signage must be permanently affixed to a main support structure;
5. There shall be no more than one Off-Premises or Billboard Sign permitted for every 1500 linear feet of Commercial 1 and Commercial 3 frontage which directly abuts an interstate layout. This calculation shall be based on the current Zoning Map and such calculation shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Board of Selectmen as part of the application materials;
6. An Off-Premises or Billboard sign may be double sided. An individual sign or sign face shall not exceed 672 square feet in total area and shall not exceed 14 feet in height x 48 feet in width.
7. An Off-Premises or Billboard sign may be mounted on a pedestal or other support structure which may not exceed 40 feet in height. The height of such structure shall be calculated from the base of the support structure or sign, whichever is affixed to the ground (exclusive of structural footings), to the highest point of the support structure;
8. Signage lighting or other illumination related to the proposed sign shall not project, glare or negatively impact abutting properties and shall not shine onto abutting roadways;
9. The Applicant shall provide a 10' wide landscaped buffer around the base of the support structure to minimize any visual impacts.

Section 6.7.8.3 Criteria for Approval: The Board of Selectmen shall not approve any applications for a Special Permit under Section 6.7.8 unless it finds that all of the following conditions are met or are incorporated into any Special Permit decision:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed sign and the design and layout complies with the standards set forth in these procedures and requirements;

2. The proposed sign will not adversely affect the abutting neighborhood or have the effect of causing a hazard to motorists;
3. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.2 "Certificate of Insurance";
4. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.3 "Location of sign; inclusion of permit number on sign";
5. Any Special Permit decision shall require compliance with Section 6.7.7.5 "Maintenance; inspection";
6. All permits are subject to any necessary approvals and conditions issued by the State of Massachusetts or Federal Government; and,
7. The Board of Selectmen, in granting the special permit, shall attach such additional conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary.

Section 6.7.8.4 Sign Maintenance: If a sign permitted under Section 6.7.8 is abandoned or is in disrepair for a period of ninety (90) days, it shall be cause for its removal. The Building Inspector shall notify the owner and/or manager of the sign and property owner in writing, specifying a forty-five (45) day period to remove or repair said sign otherwise upon expiration of the forty-five (45) day period the sign permit shall be revoked. If the sign has not been removed or repaired within the time period to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector shall cause the sign to be removed forthwith. All expenses for the removal shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector.

If the Building Inspector determines that a sign is an immediate threat to public safety, irrespective of any stays granted to the sign and/or property owner, the Building Inspector may cause any sign, abandoned or not, and any portion of its support structure if deemed part of the public threat, to be immediately removed, and/or the threatened public area cordoned off. All expenses for protecting the public, including the removal of said sign or stabilization of the public safety threat, shall be borne by the sign owner and/or property owner as determined by the Building Inspector. A sign which is not abandoned may be returned to its original position, but only after repairs have been made and the public safety threat abated, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

Section 6.7.8.5 Surety: The Applicant shall provide a financial surety to the Town which will cover the cost of the removal of any sign which is found to be abandoned or is in disrepair, as determined under Section 6.7.8.4. The Applicant shall deposit with the Town Accountant a surety in the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen at the time of the application. Upon removal of the sign by the Town (if required), any remaining funds shall be returned to the Applicant.

Commercial I, II & III

Sign Type Allowed	Permit Required	Max. Sign Area	Max. Hgt. Ft.	Front Setback	Side Setback	Max. Number	Comment
Off-Premise & Billboard Signage	Y*	672 SF Per sign face-	40'	NA	NA	See Section 6.7.8	See Section additional restrictions and guidelines
	*Permitted by special permit	Not to exceed 14'x48' per sign face	support structure				

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
2/3 Vote Required
Hand Count Taken

Yes	No
80	81

Motion Fails
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 3. To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham by amending certain sections or by adding the following new sections:

4.8 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT I:

4.8.3.6 Senior Residential Overlay (SRO) District (See Section 4.16 Senior Residential Overlay (SRO) District for additional regulations and requirements)

4.16 SENIOR RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY (SRO) DISTRICT:

4.16.1 Purpose:

The purpose of the SRO District is to encourage the development of safe, independent senior housing within the Commercial 1 District in order to provide the following: a variety of housing options for a senior couple or individual who are Qualified Occupants who are/is capable of living independently; to create a style of housing which reflects the desires of a maturing population; to encourage social interaction through the utilization of an increased density of development; to provide access to existing commercial and retail amenities to minimize dependence on vehicles; and to provide links to transportation and recreational opportunities.

4.16.2 Uses within the SRO District are permitted on a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board and Site Plan Approval by the Board of Selectmen

4.16.3 DEFINITIONS:

Qualified Project and Qualified Occupants:

Any application within the SRO District for the development of independent senior housing shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements of MGL, Chapter 151B, Section 4, subsection 6, which permits the creation of age restricted housing subject to the units being owned or rented by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older or sixty-two (62) years of age or older on a property consisting of five (5) or more acres. The application shall also include a preliminary agreement or restrictive covenant which outlines how the units will be regulated to ensure compliance with these restrictions.

Independent Senior Housing:

A residential facility consisting of a multi-unit building or buildings, that provide accommodations for independent senior adults who are Qualified Occupants. These residences and associated structures may include common areas, a common dining facility, and space for social, psychological and/or educational programs. Home health care or other community based services may be used on an individual basis. There may be management and maintenance staff but there is no permanent on-site medical staff.

4.16.4 APPLICATION OF SRO DISTRICT REGULATIONS

- a) Overlay District: This by-law is adopted as an overlay district for all qualifying properties within the Commercial 1 District and sets forth the design and dimensional standards that apply to all developments of an SRO District Project. These standards shall apply to any development proposing a new building or any redevelopment that will require the alteration of an existing building and parking area. All applications under this SRO District shall comply with Section 6.8 "Performance Standards" and Section 7.4 "Special Permit", of the Zoning By-Laws.
- b) Application Process: The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority and the Board of Selectmen shall be the Site Plan Granting Authority for developments proposed under Section 4.16 "Senior Residential Overlay (SRO) District". Applicants shall comply with the procedures for Site Plan and Special Permit review as listed elsewhere in this by-law.
- c) Waivers: The Planning Board may, as part of any Special Permit decision, modify or waive any dimensional requirement of the SRO District, unless otherwise noted, upon a finding that due to unique conditions effecting the property, project location, or other beneficial site designs, that the dimensional requirements of this section would unreasonably

restrict the use of the property or would be detrimental to the orderly development of the area or would create a better project. In granting such modifications or waivers, the Board may impose conditions it deems necessary to protect the public interest and to insure that the development will be consistent with the purpose of this section. The Planning Board may not waive the Minimum Lot Area requirement of 5 acres, unless such provision is modified under M.G.L., Chapter 151B, § 4.

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- a) Design: The site layout shall utilize appropriate building placement and landscape design to reasonably protect project residents from excessive noise, lights and traffic, emanating from adjacent properties.
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*Approved by the Attorney General's Office December 15, 2005.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature for a special act authorizing the appointment of laid-off Stoneham police officers as special police officers in the Town of Stoneham, as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAID OFF POLICE OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The administrator of the town of Stoneham may appoint, as the Administrator deems necessary, individuals who were Stoneham police officers within the prior twenty-four month period, but who were laid off as a result of budget cuts, as special police officers for the purpose of performing police details or any police duties arising therefrom or during the course of police detail work, regardless of whether or not related to the detail work. Said police officers must have been regular Stoneham police officers and shall not otherwise be retired from the Stoneham Police Department, and shall not be working as a police officer or in law enforcement for another municipality or other law enforcement entity. The special police officers shall be subject to the same maximum age restriction as applied to regular police officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws. A special police officer must pass a medical examination, by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the town, to determine that he is capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police officer, prior to performing police details.

SECTION 2. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws or to section 99A of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Special police officers shall, when performing the duties under section 1, have the same power to make arrests and perform other police functions as do regular police officers of the town of Stoneham.

SECTION 4. Special police officers shall be appointed for an indefinite term, subject to removal by the town administrator at any time with 14 days written notice. Upon request, the town administrator shall provide the reasons for removal in writing.

SECTION 5. Special police officers shall also be subject to the rules and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the town administrator and the chief of police of the town of Stoneham, including restrictions on the type of detail assignments, requirements regarding medical examinations to determine continuing capability to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearms licensing and qualifications and requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Special police officers shall not be subject to section 96B of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 6. Special police officers shall be sworn before the town clerk of the town of Stoneham who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

SECTION 7. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to section 100 and section 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws. The amount payable under said section 111F of said chapter 41 shall be calculated by averaging the amount earned over the prior 52 weeks as a special police officer working police details, or averaged over such lesser period of time for any officer designated as special police officers less than 52 weeks prior to the incapacity. Payment under said section 111F of said chapter 41 shall terminate when a special police officer reaches the age of 65. In the event the age limitation applicable to regular police officers serving a town is increased from the current 65 years of age, the termination of benefits under said section 111F of said chapter 41, as provided herein to special police officers, shall terminate at such a higher age limit, but in no event shall the benefits extend beyond the age of 70 for any special police officer. Special police officers appointed under this act shall not be subject to section 85H of said chapter 32, nor eligible for any benefits pursuant thereto.

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SECTION 9. The Town Administrator may require that Special Police Officers appointed pursuant to this Act obtain, at the Special Police Officer's cost, disability insurance which would be effective in the event a Special Police Officer was injured in the performance of their duties. If such disability insurance is required by the Town, the minimum requirements of such disability insurance policies, including matters of types of coverage, minimum amounts, waiting periods and deductibles, shall be established by the Town Administrator.

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SECTION 12. Special police officers pursuant to this Act shall not work for more than nine hundred sixty (960) hours in any calendar year.

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Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen
Gregory M. O'Keefe
Chief of Police**

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**Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous**

*Sent to Representatives Paul Casey, Patrick Natale and Senator Richard Tisei on October 26, 2005

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature to amend Chapter 160 of the Acts of 2002 entitled "An Act Relative To The Appointment Of Retired Police Officers In The Town Of Stoneham" by adding the word "not" to Section 8 of said Chapter 160 so that said Section 8 reads as follows: "Appointment as a special police officer shall not entitle any individual appointed as such to assignment to any detail."

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Administrator

Article 5. Voted that the Town petition the State Legislature to amend Chapter 160 of the Acts of 2002 entitled "An Act Relative To The Appointment Of Retired Police Officers In The Town Of Stoneham" by adding the word "not" to Section 8 of said Chapter 160 so that said Section 8 reads as follows: "Appointment as a special police officer shall not entitle any individual appointed as such to assignment to any detail."

Passes Unanimous

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Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature for a special act providing that a member of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, as designated from time to time by said Board of Selectmen, shall participate and vote as a member of the School Committee of the Town of Stoneham for purposes of collective bargaining. Said special act to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, a member of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, as designated from time to time by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, shall participate and vote as a member of the Stoneham School Committee for purposes of collective bargaining. Nothing herein shall effect or interfere with the right of the town administrator of the Town of Stoneham to participate and vote as a member of the Stoneham School Committee pursuant to section 1 of chapter 150E of the General Laws.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. Voted that the Town petition the State Legislature for a special act providing that a member of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, as designated from time to time by said Board of Selectmen, shall participate and vote as a member of the School Committee of the Town of Stoneham for purposes of collective bargaining. Said special act to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, a member of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, as designated from time to time by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, shall participate and vote as a member of the Stoneham School Committee for purposes of collective bargaining. Nothing herein shall effect or interfere with the right of the town administrator of the Town of Stoneham to participate and vote as a member of the Stoneham School Committee pursuant to section 1 of chapter 150E of the General Laws.

Amendment made by Gilbert Feke 25 Oak Street as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to allow a member of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham to participate with but not vote with the School Committee of the Town of Stoneham for purposes of collective bargaining.

- Motion to Move the Question**
- Question is Moved**
- Vote on the Motion as Amended**
- Amendment Fails**
- Vote on the Main Motion**
- Motion Fails**
- Motion for Reconsideration**
- Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 7. Proposed change to Bylaw Sec. 9-15. Closing of retail establishments.

Existing Bylaw states: All retail business establishments of any kind, nature or description, including, but not limited to convenience stores, supermarkets and department stores, but excluding the restaurants and gasoline selling stations for the retail distribution of petroleum products only, in town shall be closed to the public between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. each day. (8-14-89, Art. 2)

Petition to change Bylaw Sec. 9-15: To allow Retail Pharmacies to be open 24 hours to better serve the health needs of the residents of Stoneham. Petition originated by CVS/Pharmacy in Stoneham. The following signatures are from residents of Stoneham who agree with the bylaw change to allow Retail Pharmacies to be open 24 hours

**Prabhakar Naidu et al
3 Stonehill Drive**

Article 7. Voted that the subject matter of Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes
Indefinitely Postponed**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 23 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2006 departmental budgets and funding sources (as described in Exhibit A), or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. Voted that the Town amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 23 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2006 departmental budgets and funding sources (as described in Exhibit A).

Passes Unanimous

Exhibit A

Adjust the following budgets:

Dept.#	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
132	Finance Board Reserve Fund		(2,476.00)	(\$2,476.00)	Leaves a balance of \$50,000
135	Town Accountant	(46,000.00)	20,000.00	(\$26,000.00)	Savings from vacant Asst. Town Acct. position
182	Planning Board/Board of Appeals	5,000.00		\$5,000.00	Used to hire CPA Firm to assist in reconciliations
241	Building Department		15,000.00	\$15,000.00	Increased workload from Lang-wood project
399	Vocational School		\$48,224.00	\$48,224.00	Hired temp to fill in for employee on sick leave
510	Board of Health		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	FY06 Increase not funded at 5/2/05 ATM
541	Council on Aging	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	Increase Car Allowance due to higher gas prices
918	Capital		\$48,030.00	\$48,030.00	Fund backup van driver Town and School Emergency Repairs
	Total Increases	(\$36,000.00)	\$129,778.00	\$93,778.00	

Said sum in the amount of \$93,778 to be raised from revenue of the current year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue, a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. Voted that the Town transfer from \$640,872 from Surplus Revenue to the Stabilization Fund.

**Vote Required
Passes Unanimous**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) to purchase three police cruisers; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) to purchase three police cruisers; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 11.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the construction, reconstruction, or repair of sidewalks, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the construction, reconstruction, or repair of sidewalks; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to fund costs associated with the replacement of the wood decking on the High School bleachers, and other necessary repairs within the High School athletic field complex.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 12. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to fund costs associated with the replacement of the wood decking on the High School bleachers, and other necessary repairs within the High School athletic field complex; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 11:03PM**

John J. Hanright
Town Clerk

TREASURER/COLLECTOR ANNUAL REPORT

The principal function of this office is the management of funds. This office is responsible for the deposits of all income as well as the disbursement of all personnel payroll and vendor checks. Investment management and bond indebtedness are also functions of the Treasurer; the objective being that all funds are safe, liquid and invested daily at the highest possible yield.

With the continued tightening of interest rates by the Federal government, we should begin to see some additional interest revenue.

We have converted most of the major receivables to a new system, but have yet to convert utility billing. Changes in staffing have hampered our ability to complete the conversion. We are hopeful to be fully converted in FY2007.

The successes of the past year are due to the diligent efforts of Peggy Columbus, Barbara Hanafin, Diane Murphy, and Kathleen Sullivan.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The past years Board of Appeals was comprised of several seasoned veterans with many years of experience and long histories of residency and extensive community involvement. Serving the final year of his term, Frank Vallarelli Chaired the Board for the second consecutive year. Full time members included Harry Sampson, Kevin McLaughlin, Jim Juliano, and Laurence Rotondi. Two long serving members, William Sullivan and Gerard Cunningham, continued to serve as Associate Members and were instrumental in many important decisions, including the re-development of the Boston Regional Medical Center, located opposite Spot Pond, in the Fells area of Stoneham.

During the year, the Board heard and conducted 19 public hearings, and rendered 32 decisions. High profile hearings included redevelopment of the hospital, development of condominiums in the downtown area, issues involving wireless communications antennas, signage, and discussions involving future long-term housing needs of the community.

Redevelopment of the former hospital site into a mixed-use residential/office development became one of the main headline grabbing news stories of the year. A 40B proposal by Denver-based Simpson Housing and the property's owner, the Guiterrez Company, dominated discussions throughout the community for several months. The Board eventually allowed a total of 450 rental and for sale condominium units on approximately 23 acres of the former hospital site. Although approval of the development brought lawsuits from the abutting cities of Melrose and Medford, as well as several area neighbors, the Board felt that their final decision was rendered in the best interest of the Town of Stoneham and would make an overall positive impact on the Town for many years to come. At this time, the proposal is still tied up in litigation.

The Board would like to thank Paulette Gerry for her extremely competent service to the Board and wish her well in her new full-time capacity serving in the Office of the Town Clerk.

